New Affordable Care Act Guidance Issued

On October 23, the U.S. Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and the Treasury released a set of FAQs that provide clarification on the implementation of coverage of preventive services, non-financial incentives given to wellness program participants, and disclosure requirements under the Mental Health Parity provision. Learn how this new guidance may address important issues regarding your clients’ plans.

2016 Essential Health Benefits Defined

See how the Federal definition of habilitative services sets the minimum requirements for Essential Health Benefits beginning Jan. 1, 2016. Learn more

Latest Prescription Drug List Updates

Review the latest PDL Tracker for a recap of changes outside our Jan. 1 and July 1 pharmacy benefit updates.

Plans & Services

- **New Video Resource Announced**: As part of our new video strategy, YouTube will become the primary resource for consumer health and wellness information replacing UHC TVSM which will conclude operation on Dec. 31, 2015.

- **BRCA Testing Prior Authorization**: We will begin requiring genetic counseling from an independent genetics care provider prior to approving coverage for BReast CAncer (BRCA) mutation testing for hereditary breast and ovarian cancer beginning Jan. 1, 2016. Learn more

- **Healthy Savings Program Expands**: Healthy Savings is expanding to include all fully insured small business and 100+ UnitedHealthcare subscribers with Illinois and Northwestern Indiana residency. Learn more

Pharmacy

- **Hemophilia Infographic**: Hemophilia is a bleeding
disorder in which a lack of naturally-occurring proteins called "clotting factor" reduces the body's ability to control bleeding. It is extremely rare, and extremely expensive. Learn more

- **New Cystic Fibrosis Drug Nears Approval:** See how a new drug is moving rapidly toward approval that may help nearly 50% of people with cystic fibrosis. Learn more

**Sales Support**

- **FML Administration Included with Plans Purchase:** See how your clients can receive 12 months of Family Medical Leave (FML) administration at no cost when they purchase basic life, supplemental life, and short-term disability coverage. Learn more

**Client Resources**

- **New Employer Billing Page Announced:** A new Employer eServices® Online Bill Presentment and Payment application with improved broker search features and client navigation paths is being transitioned to clients beginning December 6. Learn more

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