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Government Mandates

MSP Section 111 Mandate Letter to be Mailed to Clients June 8 - Highmark Collecting Information from Groups

You recently received information about Section 111 of the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007. This important law requires group health plans, insurers or third party administrators to submit additional Medicare Secondary Payer related information to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

As a follow-up to the information you recently received, we wanted to inform you that beginning June 8, 2009, groups will receive a letter from Highmark asking them to obtain and submit to us Social Security Numbers for the following:

- Subscribers (also known as contract holders)
- Spouses and domestic partners age 44 and older
- Dependents of any age who have end stage renal disease ("ESRD") or receive Medicare benefits based on disability

Please note that Section 111 requires us to collect Social Security Numbers for both active and canceled members who fall in the above categories.

Your Role

Some groups may contact you to help them collect and submit the necessary information to Highmark for submission to CMS. We are sending each group an enrollment report that identifies both active and canceled members who fall into the above categories. If a group should forward this report to you, please follow the directions which are detailed below.

For Active Members

Look under the "Missing_SSN_Name" column on the enrollment report. Please obtain the missing Social Security Numbers for these members and submit them to us within 45 days.

If you submit information electronically or by remote access on behalf of a group, update the information on your files and submit it through your regular method to us. If you submit information on paper or through the employer portal, please obtain the information and write the Social Security Numbers in next to the "Missing_SSN_Name" column on the report and return it to:

**Nina Herrle
Membership
Highmark Blue Shield
120 Fifth Avenue Place
Suite 2331
Pittsburgh, PA 15222**

For Canceled Members

If you key data by remote access, or if your electronic transmission permits updates for canceled members, please update your electronic file data for members who canceled their coverage after January 1, 2009 and fall into the above categories. Their cancel date can be found on the same report under the "Coverage_Can_C" column.

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If you can't submit the updates electronically, please obtain the members' Social Security Numbers, write them in next to the "Missing_SSN_Name" column on the report and return the report to:

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Please note that it is important for you to update your active employment files to remain in sync with our updated enrollment files. In addition, please make obtaining and submitting Social Security Numbers part of your normal enrollment reporting process going forward for members who fall into the above categories.

For more information about Section 111 of MMSEA, please contact your Highmark client manager.

General News

IMC Mini-Med School

Since many of you cannot attend IMC's Mini-Med School seminars, Highmark and IMC have made them available to you via the link below. In the future, these webinars will be available on the Producer Portal.

The IMC Mini-Med Schools are designed to provide helpful information and guidance on a variety of current productivity, disability or claim management topics dealing with your client's financial exposure in these areas.

The next IMC Mini-Med School will be in the Fall of 2009. Your Highmark Client Manager will communicate the details when they are available.

Click on the link below to view the April 23rd webinar entitled "Decreased Presenteeism + Decreased Absenteeism = Increased Organizations Performance". These videos specifically target productivity enhancement and risk reduction programs at your client's work place.

When prompted, enter the user name IMCDOCS and the password farb09gold.

<http://rso6k.rmxpres.com/webcast/data/highmarkproductivitymenu/msh.htm>



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dealing with
your client's
financial
exposure..."*

If you have any questions concerning the items in this issue, please contact your Account Manager.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Reginald E. Brown". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Reginald E. Brown
Director, Producer Affairs, West