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Re: DHCS Value Based Payment (VBP) Program

Dear IEHP Providers:

Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) is pleased to announce the new Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Value Based Payment Program (VBP Program) that is funded by Proposition 56. This program was created by DHCS to encourage Network Providers to deliver key quality healthcare services that improve the quality of care to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. This program is funded by Proposition 56 and is available for services beginning July 1, 2019. IEHP will begin issuing payment for these services in early 2020. Below are some key facts about this program.

**Provider Eligibility:**

All IEHP Medi-Cal Network Providers are automatically eligible to participate in the DHCS VBP Program. Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), American Indian Health Clinics and Cost Based Reimbursement Clinics (CBRCs) are not eligible for VBP Program participation.

**VBP Program Measures:**

The VBP Program will focus on key services in four domains: Chronic Disease Management, Early Childhood Prevention, Prenatal/Post-Partum Care and Behavioral Health Integration.

**Chronic Disease Management**
- Controlling High Blood Pressure
- Diabetes Care
- Control of Persistent Asthma
- Tobacco Use Screening
- Adult Influenza Vaccine

**Early Childhood Prevention**
- Well Child Visits in First 15 Months of Life
- Well Child Visits in 3rd – 6th Years of Life
- All Childhood Vaccines for Two Years Old
- Blood Lead Screening
- Dental Fluoride Varnish
Prenatal/Post-Partum Care:
- Prenatal Pertussis Vaccine
- Prenatal Care Visit
- Postpartum Care Visits
- Postpartum Birth Control

Behavior Health Integration:
- Screening for Clinical Depression
- Management of Depression Medication
- Screening for Unhealthy Alcohol Use

Payment Schedule:

The VBP Program will reward Providers through a pay-per-event payment process. All services must be captured through an encounter/claim for payment disbursement. Payment schedule will be available in the IEHP VBP Program Guide (to be released no later than March 2020.) Payment amounts by measure and all other details on the program measures and specifications can be found at: https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/VBP_Measures_19.aspx

As soon as the VBP Program payment disbursement schedule is finalized by IEHP, it will be posted at: https://iehp.org/en/providers/plan-updates?target=proposition-56-and-gemt

Payments related to the VBP Program will be in addition to other Prop 56 Managed Care payments.

Thank you for your continued partnership in providing quality healthcare to IEHP Members. Any questions related to this program can be sent to IEHP’s Provider Relations at (909) 890-2054 or IEHP’s Quality Department at QualityPrograms@iehp.org.

Sincerely,

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