

PROVIDER NEWSLETTER

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Dear Provider:

On behalf of the entire Universal Health Network and Nevada Preferred Professionals team, we would like to wish you a happy and healthy New Year. There are several exciting updates we would like to share with you.

- **Medicare Advantage (MA) Plans:** Additional Medicare Advantage payors have shown an interest in accessing our ***Southern Nevada MA Network***. A new Exhibit D, Medicare Advantage Amendment, containing current CMS guidelines, will be mailed to participating providers. A signature will be required in order to maintain your participating status in this program. If you are not currently on the Medicare product but wish to be, please contact the Southern Nevada Provider Relations Representative.
 - **Please be advised that Universal HealthCare Network (MA plan) is not affiliated with Universal Health Network PPO.**
- **Immunizations:** Universal Health Network (UHN) and Nevada Preferred Professionals (NPP) continually strive to meet the needs of our providers. Due to the change in the State of Nevada immunization policy, UHN/NPP implemented a new standard reimbursement methodology. Effective November 1, 2008, we have based the reimbursement on Medicare ASP (Average Sales Price) for immunizations recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). The new reimbursement rates will be in effect until December 31, 2009.
- **New Client Groups:** Planet Hollywood and Stephens Media employees and their families will begin accessing, Nevada Preferred Professionals and Universal Health Network providers, effective January 1, 2009.
- **Regional Network:** *Nevada Preferred Professionals*, a Universal Health Network product, partnered with three western region preferred provider organizations to form **VentureNet Healthcare**. This partnership offers employers with multi-state operations the opportunity to provide their members access to more than 93,000 providers, 670 hospitals and 10,000 ancillary services across an eight-state region. All VentureNet claims are reimbursed at your current UHN/NPP contracted rates. For claims submission, please follow the information on the member's ID Card.

Oasis Select: We are taking this opportunity to notify our providers in Southern Nevada that may have had a contract with our Oasis Select network that we have no business use and are hereby notifying you that we are terminating the fee schedule affiliated with this network.

Should you have any questions, issues or problems please do not hesitate to contact us.

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