

| CHILDHOOD OBESITY COVERAGE | ACPA | AMHP | GHP | HP | KMHP | Unison | UPMC |
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| Will your Company be implementing childhood obesity weight management services? If yes, please detail what those services will be. | AmeriChoice will cover all the services that are outlined in the November 1, 2007 Medical Assistance Bulletin, 99-07-19 titled, Childhood Nutrition and Weight Management Services for Recipients under 21 Years of Age. ACPA also works with a contractor, VigorWorks, to provide fitness and weight management services to our members in the community. | AMHP has adopted a similar reimbursement approach to that instituted by the PA Dept of Public Welfare for its fee-for-service MA Program. Childhood obesity services that will be reimbursable to physicians, independent nurse practitioners and certified nutritionists will include obesity initial assessment and follow-up and nutritional counseling, in both individual and group settings. In addition, AMHP continues to offer community-based collaborative programs, including: 1) incorporating a "Healthy Weight" component into existing summer camp programs for kids; 2) conducting 45-minute health education presentations on "Heart Health", "Youth Sports Safety" and "Diabetes"; and 3) conducting 30-minute presentations entitled "Get Fit and Stay Fit", geared for children K-3. | Yes, Gateway is implementing childhood obesity weight management services consisting of initial assessment and reassessment as well as individual, group and family weight management counseling. Nutritional counseling is also a component of this program. | Health Partners is in the process of developing the fee schedule and operational components for implementation of its program which will mirror the MA Bulletin #99-07-19. Currently however, Health Partners offers its members weight management programs such as Weight Watchers, YMCA program, and weight management camp. | Presently, KMHP has implemented two contracts with independent childhood obesity programs, Mercy's Fitness for Kids and La Fortaleza. These programs encompass exercise, nutrition, group counseling, in-school follow up and parental participation. Meetings are held twice weekly, for 8 weeks. KMHP is in the process of developing documentation guidelines using MA's Childhood Obesity Management Program as a guide and resource. Additionally, KMHP has engaged in dialog with CHOP's childhood obesity program and various YMCA's in the Philadelphia area in hopes of developing a weight management program for members over the age of 15. | Yes, Unison is implementing the same services as AccessPlus and stated this on the 11/1 date on the bulletin. Services include: Weight Assessment and Reassessment, Nutritional Counseling, and Individual, Group or Family Counseling. Those services are described in the Nutritional Brochure sent to families enrolled in Unison's MA program (see attached). | UPMC currently covers nutritional services i.e. counseling and physician visits for our Medicaid participating physicians. |
| Will these services be considered a bill above capitation for participating physicians/practices? If yes, please identify the billing and chart documentation procedure and the payment rate for each covered service. | ACPA will begin offering all capitated providers the codes referenced here on a bill above basis. We will send announcement and alerts to our providers in the coming weeks. | For AMHP, applicable codes have been implemented retroactive to 11/01/07. A communication was sent to AMHP's provider network. Annual limits will not be imposed, unless future analysis and auditing of utilization demonstrates overuse of the services. Claims will be paid on a bill-above basis for capitated participating practitioners and on fee-for-service basis for non-capitated participating practitioners. The codes available for payment under this new benefit for AMHP members under 21 years of age are 96150 (\$20.38), 96151 (\$20.38), 96152 (\$19.60), 96153 (\$5.39), 96154 (\$19.60) and S9470 (\$26.46). | Yes, the codes related to childhood obesity weight management services are considered a bill above capitation. These services will be billed utilizing the correct diagnosis codes and modifiers and will be paid at the rate included on the MA fee schedule. Participating physicians/providers will be offered the initial and follow-up assessment tools and should document the medical necessity for Childhood Nutrition and Weight Management Services in the child's medical record. | Yes this will be a bill above with fee schedule currently in development. Health Partners is currently providing Childhood Obesity Coverage. The service will remain bill above and we will perform period claim look back after the full six (6) months of claims to see who is utilizing the service and how it is being utilized. HP has updated it's fee schedule and it encompasses and covers all of the services outlined in the bulletin and pays based on the fee schedule. | KMHP: See attached document for codes that are loaded retroactive to 11/01/07. A provider communication was sent on April 1, 2008 with this information. Claims will be paid on a bill above basis. Claims data will be utilized in the development of a more robust strategy to address childhood obesity. | For capitated providers, they would just receive capitation for the initial evaluation. After the initial evaluation, the counseling visits in the PCP office would be fee-for-service. For fee-for-service providers, they would be paid according to the billing chart in the bulletin. | UPMC will pay at a minimum the Medical Assistance Fee Schedule utilizing the following health assessment and intervention codes: 96150 - 96155 and S9470. These services are billable services when submitted on a "HCFA/CMS 1500" form with appropriate CPT codes based on UPMC's current Medicaid fee schedule. All participating physicians are paid FFS -- no capitation payment methodology is used by UPMC. |
| Who in your company is the appropriate person to follow up with regarding childhood obesity weight management services: Please provide name, title, phone number and email address. | PCPs should contact Sarah Morvin, Director of Case Management at 215-832-4613 or Sarah_T_Morvin@uhc.com | Dr. Lawrence Kay Senior Medical Director 717-651-3571 | Questions pertaining to claims receipts and payments should be directed to Provider Services at 1-800-392-1145. | the contact individual at this time is Andrea D'Angelo, Director of Inpatient Services. Andrea can be reached at 215-991-4054 or via e-mail at adanelo@healthpart.com | Providers should contact their individual KMHP provider reps for more information. | Member's are encouraged to call the Case Management for assistance in obtaining services. Member's can call the 1-800-414-9025. | Dr. Michael Culyba, MD, Vice President, Medical Affairs. Dr. Michael Culyba's contact phone number is 412-454-2910 and his email address is culybami@upmc.edu |
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