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1. NEW POLICY UPDATES

CLINICAL PAYMENT, CODING AND POLICY CHANGES

We regularly augment our clinical, payment and coding policy positions as part of our ongoing policy review processes. In an effort to keep our providers informed, please see the below chart of upcoming new policies.

Effective for dates of service beginning **January 31, 2017**:

| <u>POLICY</u> |
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| <p>Duplicative coding- Aetna Better Health of Kentucky views CPT code 87799 as a duplicate and unnecessary test when it is used as a part of panel testing. It is performing a similar test for the same thing twice while not producing results that would significantly impact diagnosis and treatment. It is not medically necessary to test twice for each organism, and it is resulting in an unnecessary cost to the Medicaid program. Therefore, effective January 31, 2017, Aetna Better Health of Kentucky will no longer reimburse CPT 87799 (Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA), not otherwise specified; quantification, each organism) when performed in conjunction with 87481 (Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); Candida species, amplified probe technique), 87512 (Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); Gardnerella vaginalis, quantification), or 87661 (Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); Trichomonas vaginalis, amplified probe technique).</p> |
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2. ATTENTION: Holiday check runs

During the week of December 21, 2016 (Christmas week), Aetna Better Health of Kentucky will be processing a **final 2016 check run** on Friday December 23, 2016 which will have a paid date of Tuesday December 27, 2016. There will be no check run on Wednesday December 28, 2016 as Aetna Better Health will be processing 1099's.

Aetna Better Health will be processing a check run on December 30, 2016 which will have a paid date of January 3, 2017. We will be resuming our normal Wednesday and Friday check runs this week as well.