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Two Updates for Providers: DME and Podiatrist Update

Dear provider,

This notice is to advise you of some changes to Health Plan of San Mateo policies. These changes were made to align with recent Medi-Cal updates.

DME Oxygen and Respiratory Rates

Following the declaration of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), CMS approved Disaster Relief State Plan Amendment 21-0016 authorizing DHCS to update the DME Oxygen and Respiratory rates to 100% of Medicare rates. These rates are retroactive to 3/1/2020. No action is required at this time; HPSM is adjusting claims that were paid at the former rate(s). The updated rates are published on the DHCS website: files.medi-cal.ca.gov/Rates/RatesHome.aspx

New Billable Services for Podiatrists

Effective retroactive to dates of service on or after 1/1/2020, additional CPT codes are reimbursable for Podiatrists. These codes include evaluation and management services in various settings. Claims denied after the effective date will be automatically re-adjudicated and paid accordingly. For the full list of codes, please refer to the DHCS website: files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/newsroom/newsroom_31231.aspx?cldee=ZGFuYS52ZXJkb29ybkbocHNtLm9yZW%3d%3d&recipientid=contact-fb7af342edf5ea11a815000d3a5bf119-22030eb4a160456ca471eaf487f7758f&esid=018786d5-f810-ec11-b6e6-000d3a5a5d1e

For questions or concerns, please contact the claims department at **650-616-2056** or ClaimsInquiries@hpsm.org. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our community,
The Health Plan of San Mateo