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Electronic data interchange migration to Availity

- UniCare Health Plan of West Virginia, Inc. (UniCare) has partnered with Availity* as our designated electronic data interchange (EDI) gateway and electronic solutions service desk.
- As of January 1, 2019, Availity manages all EDI trading partner relationships on behalf of UniCare.
- It is our priority to deliver a smooth transition to Availity for our EDI services. If you have questions, please contact your Provider Relations representative or Provider Services at **1-800-782-0095**.

Acute care hospital update

- As of September 1, 2018, CERiS,* a division of CorVel Healthcare Corporation, reviews hospitals' itemized billing statements and supporting medical documentation.
- A *Business Associate Agreement* is required by the *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)* privacy rules.
- We will review the CERiS review process — what's included and what's not.
- Become familiar with the CERiS provider outreach process.

Maternity — early elective delivery

- As of February 1, 2018, modifier and condition codes are no longer required to identify gestational age and early elective delivery (EED) status.
- ICD-10-CM diagnosis code Z3A indicates the gestational age at the time of professional delivery and is used with supporting medical necessity diagnosis codes for EED.
- Medically necessary criteria for EED are determined using MCG Care Guidelines (MCG).

Provider Maintenance Form

- There is a new electronic process for submitting demographic changes. Demographic changes are submitted through the *Provider Maintenance Form (PMF)*, and they will generate automated email notices.
- Demographic changes include but are not limited to:
 - Address.
 - Name.
 - TIN (requires *W9* to initiate new contract).
 - Provider leaving a practice or location.
 - Closing a practice or location.
 - Phone or fax number.

Provider NPI enrollment

- Provider enrollment and participation
- Requesting a provider application
- Provider credentialing

Cultural competency training

- It is federally mandated by CMS that all providers complete cultural competency training.
- Approved cultural competency training is available on the UniCare website.

Other updates and changes

- To stay on top of important updates, check your:
 - Provider bulletins.
 - Provider newsletters.
 - Provider manuals (both physical and behavioral health).

Precertification Look Up Tool

- The Precertification Look Up Tool (PLUTO) is located on the provider website.
- PLUTO allows providers to look up specific codes to see if precertification is required.
- You must enter each service separately.
- Helpful tips for using PLUTO:
 - Capitalize letters in HCPCS codes.
 - Select **Find Code** rather than using the *Enter* key on your keyboard.

Out-of-network providers and PA requests

- Referring members to in-network providers
- Out-of-network prior authorization (PA) request
- Nonparticipating laboratories

ICR advantages

- The Interactive Care Reviewer (ICR) is a real-time solution that improves efficiency and timeliness of the PA process by providing:
 - Profile service templates.
 - Alerts when a PA status changes.
- Through ICR, you can:
 - View determination letters.
 - Save ordering and servicing provider information to your favorites.
 - Inquire about and search historic PA and other related information and documentation.
 - Print a hard copy or convert it to PDF.



Thank you



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