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National Provider Identifier (NPI) News

As you know, the National Provider Identifier (NPI) is a new unique identifier mandated by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). The NPI will replace all legacy provider IDs for use in electronic transactions. Full implementation of the NPI is expected by May 2007. As a result, we are collecting NPIs from all members of the Montefiore IPA for use in our Information Systems and as part of the credentialing process. Implementation of the NPI program is managed by the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES), a division of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid services. If you have not applied for your NPI, please do so at the following website:

<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/StaticForward.do?forward=static.instructions>

Paper applications can be requested by contacting Fox Systems, Inc., the NPI Enumerator, by phone at 1-800-465-3203 (NPI TTY 1-800-692-2326). Once you are issued an NPI, please provide the information to CMO by contacting Virginia Muñoz of the CMO Provider Information Office at 914.377.4722.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING AETNA CAPITATION



New Administrator for Capitation Checks for Self-Insured and Medicare Products

Effective 11/1/06, Aetna will administer the payment of capitation for Self-insured and Medicare lines of business only. As a courtesy, CMO has historically administered your Aetna Self-insured and Medicare payments directly to your office. CMO does not manage any other services for Aetna's Medicare and Self-insured plans. As of 11/1/06, Aetna will administer these payments directly to your office. You will only receive your capitation check from CMO for all Aetna HMO plans that CMO manages directly. If you have any questions regarding the Aetna Self-insured or Medicare member capitation, please call Aetna's Customer Service Department directly at 800.624.0756.

HIP - Vaccines for Children



In June 2006, HIP informed providers of the expansion of the *Vaccines for Children* (VFC) program to take effect August 1, 2006. Providers were required to enroll in the VFC program before

August 2006 and must now order the vaccines directly from NYS DOH. Only the administration fee can be billed. If you have not already enrolled, please do so. New York City providers can obtain an enrollment package by calling the NYC VFC Immunization Program at **1-212-447-8175**. Providers in Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Orange, and Rockland counties can call **1-800-543-7468**. For more information about this program, please contact CMO Provider Relations at 914.377.4477.

CMONews Notices and Alerts

CMONews email notices are used to immediately communicate urgent information to providers and office staff. Please be sure to review these announcements to understand any impact on you or your practice. If you have questions or concerns about any of the information communicated in CMONews, please contact Provider Relations at 914.377.4477 or email CMONews@Montefiore.org.

Montefiore Care Guidance Program

As reported in the Summer 2006 issue of CMO Connections, Montefiore Medical Center was selected by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to develop and operate a three-year demonstration project. The Care Guidance Program aims to help pre-selected Bronx Medicare beneficiaries with complex medical needs improve their quality of life and prevent complications of their illnesses. The program, which is administered by CMO, The Care Management Company, was launched in June 2006. Within the first four months of its launch date, over half of the eligible beneficiaries agreed to participate. All new participants were mailed a welcome package, which included a "Contact Card" to carry with them in the event they need to call their Care Manager. Care Guidance participants may be identified by these cards. Participants can use their own doctors, choose their own specialists and receive treatment from any hospital or facility they choose. There are a number of benefits to physicians, including:



- * Assistance in addressing psychosocial stressors that impact the patient's ability to follow treatment plans
- * Availability of clinical staff who will communicate with and educate your patients about their conditions and your treatment plans thus freeing your valuable office time
- * Patient monitoring between office visits and communication with you on their current status
- * No change to administrative or Medicare claims procedures

If any of your patients were selected by Medicare to be a part of this program, please encourage them to participate. The Care Guidance staff looks forward to working with beneficiaries and their providers to:

- * Promote better health
- * Coordinate healthcare needs
- * Help physicians manage high-risk patients
- * Help prevent medication complications
- * Reduce unnecessary emergency room visits and hospital admissions
- * Improve the quality of life for both patients and their caregivers

If you would like more information or to find out if any of your patients were pre-selected for this program, please call Alessandra Taverna-Trani at 914-377-4691. You can also visit the Care Guidance website at www.CareGuidance.org.

Motorized Wheelchair Referral Process

To ensure that IPA members in need of motorized wheelchairs are evaluated in an expeditious manner, Montefiore's wheelchair clinics are available to evaluate IPA members on a biweekly basis. The **Weiler clinic**, located on Blondell Avenue, conducts evaluations every other Friday. The **Moses clinic**, located in NW Ground, conducts evaluations on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. To facilitate the evaluation process, providers referring IPA members to either clinic to be evaluated must:

- ◆ Verify the member's DME benefit
- ◆ Fax to the wheelchair clinic the evaluation request along with a brief medical necessity statement outlining the member's medical condition and the reason the patient requires the wheelchair.

The Weiler clinic's fax number is 718-405-8424

The Moses clinic's fax number is 718-654-9831

CMO will work with the wheelchair clinic to finalize wheelchair specifications and select the contracted vendor. The wheelchair clinic will schedule an appointment for the patient to be evaluated. Receipt of all necessary documentation will expedite this appointment.

Homebound Evaluations

Providers requesting evaluations for IPA members who are confined to the home due to illness or injury and have difficulty traveling without assistance should:

- ◆ Verify the member's DME benefit
- ◆ Submit a request for a Montefiore Home Care visit

CMO will contact Montefiore Home Care personnel to conduct the evaluation then work with Montefiore Home Care to finalize the wheelchair specifications and select the contracted vendor.

IPA Insider Classifieds

Let us help you communicate to all IPA members. If you are interested in advertising here, please email CMONews@CMOCares.com or call 914.377.4477.

Private Practice Opportunity

Office space available in beautiful Riverdale. Professional medical area with neighboring businesses offers space with 2 exam rooms, waiting area, and laboratory.

Contact Stanley Handler, MD at 718.601.0080.

Office Space Available

1521 Jarrett Place, Bronx, NY 2nd floor. Highly attractive & well-maintained building in professional business environment surrounded by specialty service offices and neighboring businesses. 2 Units Available: 2,500 sq ft & 2,000 sq ft.

Contact Robert Laitman, MD at 718.518.1276.



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Welcome the New IPA Board Members

In July you elected the new Montefiore Integrated Provider Association (MIPA) Board members for 2006-2007

Peter Agho, MD

Family Practice - Pediatrics
1531 Metropolitan Ave Bronx

Manash K. Dasgupta, MD

Nephrology - Medicine
9A Central Park Ave Yonkers

Anastassios Kyriakakos, MD

Pediatrics
270 White Plains Road
Eastchester

Robert S. Laitman, MD

Internal Medicine - Nephrology
Bronx Westchester Med Group
1521 Jarrett Place Bronx

Burton Rindfleish, MD

Internal Medicine
Gastroenterology
1254 Central Park Ave Yonkers

Robert A. Sable, MD

Gastroenterology - Medicine
3765 Riverdale Ave Bronx

Jonathan Selzer, MD

Internal Medicine
2735 Henry Hudson Pkwy Bronx

The following employed physicians were also appointed to the Board:

Arthur J. Hopkins, MD

Internal Medicine
MMG - Cross County
1010 Central Park Ave Yonkers

Ira I. Sussman, MD

Hematology - Medicine
MMC - Dept. of Pathology
111 East 210th Street Bronx

Jonathan A. Swartz, MD

Family Medicine
MMG - Williamsbridge
3448 Boston Road Bronx

Arthur Weiner, MD

Internal Medicine
Pulmonary Disease
MMG-Grand Concourse
2532 Grand Concourse Bronx

Referral Process Modification Reminder

Effective July 1, 2006, CMO updated its referral process, eliminating the requirement for referral notifications for most specialty services referred within the IPA network. The change is expected to save CMO and provider office staff time and energy formerly spent managing referral notifications submitted in Care Link, on paper, and over the phone. The services below still require prior-authorization:

- **Admissions (Elective/Emergent)**
Emergent admissions require 48-hour notification
Elective admissions require prior-authorization
- **Bariatric Surgery**
- **Durable Medical Equipment (DME)**
- **Home Health Care – including Home Infusion Therapy**
- **Infertility workup and treatment**
- **Plastic/Cosmetic Surgery including, but not limited to**
Mohs Micrographic Surgery
Septoplasty
Ligation and stripping of varicose veins
- **Rehabilitation/Physical/Speech/Occupational Therapy**
- **Hyperbaric Treatments**
- **Transportation for all non-emergency services**
- **All referrals to out-of-network providers**

Please note that additional services may be considered for authorization in the future.

Please refer to the CMO website at www.CMOcares.com to view the original notification of this change.

Improved EOB Codes

In an ongoing effort to provide you with the information you need to manage your practice, CMO features a description of commonly reported EOB codes - what they mean and what to do next in cases where corrective action can be taken. A full listing of all CMO EOB codes is available on the www.CMOcares.com website. Below is a grid of several frequently reported codes.

Frequently Reported EOB Remittance Codes

Code	Description	Explanation
D49	D49 - MH Services Not Covered	Mental health service is not covered and must be billed directly to the health plan.
D51	D51 - Prior authorization required	Services being billed require prior authorization for payment.
D54	D54 - Capitated Coverage	The service billed is covered under a capitation arrangement and will therefore not be paid.
DGDI	DGDI - Diagnosis invalid for gender	The diagnosis is not appropriate for the gender of the member. Correct the claim and resubmit to CMO.
DIPC	DIPC - Invalid ICD9 Procedure Code	The procedure code provided is not valid. Correct the claim and resubmit to CMO.

PROVIDER PROFILES - WELCOME NEW PROVIDERS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

Dr. Pascale Anglade, Gastroenterology

Dr. Anglade went to medical school at Dartmouth. After Dartmouth she was an internal medicine resident at New York Presbyterian/Cornell. During her residency, she spent a significant amount of time at Memorial Sloan Kettering as part of the cancer care training program. After her residency, Dr. Anglade completed her Gastroenterology/Hepatology training at Montefiore. Dr. Anglade's current interests include teaching, improving colorectal cancer screening and capsule endoscopy.

Dr. Elena Weinstein, Rheumatology

Dr. Elena Weinstein is a board certified Rheumatologist. She completed internal medicine training at Emory University and subspecialty training in Rheumatology at Albert Einstein. She was in private practice in White Plains, New York, where she was chief of Rheumatology at White Plains Hospital. Dr. Weinstein sees patients with all types of rheumatologic and autoimmune diseases. She has particular interest in rheumatoid arthritis, psoriatic arthritis, lupus, and care of pregnant patients with autoimmune disease.

Dr. Eric Berkowitz, Dermatologic Surgery



Dr. Berkowitz attended medical school at Albert Einstein and was a resident and fellow in Dermatology and Procedural Dermatology at Mt. Sinai. Dr. Berkowitz's primary interest is in the medical and surgical treatment of skin cancer, as well as in lessening anxiety associated with treatment. Broadly trained in all aspects of dermatologic surgery, Dr. Berkowitz has special expertise in the therapeutic uses of lasers for a vast array of skin conditions.

Dr. Jeremy Rochester, Gastroenterology

Dr. Jeremy Rochester went to medical school at Rush Medical College in Chicago and completed both an Internal Medicine Residency and GI fellowship at The Mount Sinai Medical Center here in New York. Dr. Rochester sees patients with all types of gastrointestinal disorders. He has a specific interest in inflammatory bowel disease, ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease.

CMO WELCOMES NEW IPA NETWORK PROVIDERS

Allergy & Immunology

Kaufman, Alan, MD

Anesthesiology

Lathi, Kishor G., MD
Richards, Mahesan R., MD
Rozental, Tatyana, MD

Cardiothoracic Surgery

Bello, Ricardo A., MD

Cardiovascular Disease

Balidemaj, Kujtim, MD
Grossman, Joseph A., MD
Helft, Joseph B., MD
Kapner, Marc B., MD
Melcer, Joshua A., MD
Rosenblum, Robert, MD
Shin, Jooyoung J., MD
Vloka, Margot, MD

Certified Nurse Anesthetist

Dicks, Calettha, CRNA
Sarper, Stephen M., CRNA

Child Neurology

Sogawa, Yoshimi, MD

Critical Care Medicine

Alvarez, Vanessa M., MD
Gasparino, James, MD, PhD
Rampersaud, Rajendra M., MD
Said, Raghad H., MD

Dermatology

Berkowitz, Eric Z., MD
Jakubowicz, Pamela Jasmine S., MD
Levine, Jody A., MD

Dietician - Nutrition

Zharkovsky, Tatyana, RD

Emergency Medicine

Byrne, Karen M., MD
Izzo, Albert J., MD
Malina, Cheryl R., MD
Perera, Thomas B., MD
Raffaele, Michael S., MD
Zapata, Jennifer, DO

Family Practice

Dagli, Madhu S., MD
Duker, Adjoa B., MD
Grumet, Surah, MD
Gupta, Shikta, MD
Jackson, Emily J., MD
Mathai, Riny, MD
Matthew, Leah G., MD
Pandya, Amy A., MD
Romalis, Dana N., MD
Tinio, Andrea A., MD

Gastroenterology

Anglade, Pascale, MD
Jhangiani, Sunil S., MD
Reich, Daniel S., MD
Rochester, Jeremy S., MD

General Surgery

Castellano, Michael, MD

General Vascular Surgery

Goldstein, Kenneth A., MD

Geriatric Medicine

Lipman, Hannah I., MD

Hematology

Stemerman, Michael B., MD

Hematology-Oncology

Malik, Sandeep K., MD

Infectious Disease

Hassani, Morad, MD
Vianna, Lisa E., DO

Internal Medicine

Abraham, Reeni A., MD
Altman, Monica, MD
Balikcioglu, Dimyan, MD
Chan, Hon Cheung, MD
Dichter, Robert H., MD
Dickerson, Robert F., DO
Doshi, Saumil, MD
Henriquez, Mario A., MD
Kamra, Amit K., MD
Katechis, Jimmy, MD
Martin, Paul B., MD
Nord, Nadia, MD
Patel, Ketul J., MD
Pawlowski, Jadwiga H., MD
Ramsey, Kelly S., MD

Salvit, Cori, MD

Shrikhande, Amol V., MD
Sivaprasad, Latha, MD

Skrelja, Valerie, MD

Song, Jason, MD
Torres, Carlos J., MD

Medical Genetics

Samanich, Joy M., MD

Medical Oncology

Kornblum, Noah S., MD

Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

Grieg, Adolfo F., DO
Nemerofsky, Sheri L., MD

Nephrology

Melamed, Michal L., MD
Raichoudhury, Ritesh, MD

Neurology

Ahmed, Imran M., MD
Hasson, Henry J., MD
Li, Zhicheng, MD
Milstein, Mark J., MD
Qureshi, Irfan, MD
Zwerling, Jessica L., MD

Nurse Midwife

Wright, Gabrielle M., CNM

Nurse Practitioner

Agrawal, Lynet M., RNP

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Nurse Practitioner (cont'd)

Bracco, Michele T., RNP
Coraci, Lenny, RNP
Coruna, Christopher G., RNP
Dorsey, Doris A., RNP
Duffy, Helena, RNP
Frame, Rosemary, RNP
Franzel, Maryanne M., RNP
Hopper, Susan I., RNP
Kizilay, Patricia E., RNP
Levine, Richard, RNP
Maala-Gentolia, Clarice, RNP
Whitlow, Regina A., RNP

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Boafo, Alex A., MD
Falls, Janice L., MD
Feinstein, Shira M., MD
Gela, Boguslawa D., MD
Gennarelli, Louis A., MD
Gonzalez, Angela E., MD
Gupta, Divya, MD
Heo, Hye J., MD
Kaiser, Bente, MD
Kaye-Dayana, Laura M., MD
Kim, Sarah S., MD
Lederman, Matthew A., MD
Moline, Clelia E., MD
Murrain, Luis A., Jr, DO
Pali, Rozafa L., MD
Patel, Avanee K., MD
Ram, Kavitha T., MD
Reilly, Kevin D., MD
Sandhu, Katherine S., MD
Traub, Michael L., MD
Yadav, Jyoti, MD

Ophthalmology

Maisel, Louis M., MD
Ogiste, Estela, MD
Ozerov, Inna, MD
Wertebaker, Christian, MD

Optometry

Vilinsky, Alan M., OD

Oral & Maxillofacial

Pathology

Kelsch, Robert D., DMD

Oral and Maxillofacial

Surgery

Amenedo, Christopher, DDS
Kur, Benjamin R., DDS

Orthodontics

Kleefield, Richard, DDS

Orthopaedic Surgery

Geller, David S., MD
Kulsakdinun, Chaiyaporn, MD
Sharan, Alok D., MD

Pathology

Music-Aplenc, Lejla, MD
Tahmasebi, Farnaz C., MD
Thomas, David B., MD
Zhu, Changcheng, MD

Pediatric Critical Care Medicine

Sweberg, Todd M., MD

Pediatric Dentistry

Chen, Eytan A., DMD
Montalvan, Ericka, DMD

Pediatric Emergency Medicine

Suecoff, Stacey A., MD

Pediatric Endocrinology

Zhou, Ping, MD

Pediatric Ophthalmology

Friedman, Ilana B., MD

Pediatric Rheumatology

Irigoyen, Patricia I., MD

Pediatrics

Brady, Kerianne B., MD
Cole, Karen F., MD
Dagli, Sanat K., MD
Grant, Jessica J., MD
Grant, Penny, MD
Joseph-Giss, Sharon P., MD
Khan, Unab I., MD
Lee, Ting-Wen A., MD
Merer, Michelle S., MD
Oyeku, Suzette O., MD
Schiffer, Kenneth A., MD
Schiffer, Todd J., MD
Tam, Jeannie, MD
Yahodaei, Kamram, MD

Physical Medicine & Rehab.

Marini, Robert, MD
Segal, Miriam, MD

Physical Therapy

Morales, Redon E., PT
Roble, Thomas J., PT
Vicoy, Doreen P., PT

Physician Assistant

Abayeva, Irina, PA
Adrien, Marie L., PA
Berardi, Teresa, PA
Carter, Vandette B., PA
Direny-Jean, Rose M., PA
Epps, Monica L., PA
Hicken, Wesley M., PA

Knight, Denise S., PA
Lee, Nancy Y., PA
Li, Wing C., PA
Makina, Galina, PA
Mazza, Erin, PA
Melathe, Lisha, PA
Persaud, Michael K., PA
Pinho, Andrea, PA
Rivera-Lake, Domingo A., PA
Sarlo, Julie A., PA
Sharmin, Afsana, PA
Stewart, Alexandra, PA
Villamater, Ryan H., PA
Wolf, Megan A., PA

Podiatry

Lopiano, Steven N., DPM

Psychiatry

Goldman, Aviva S., MD
Kedzior, Angela B., MD
Schanzer, Bella M., MD
Svorcan, Zoran, MD

Psychology

Ball, Joanna M., PHD
Colley, Amy J., PHD
Freilich, Bryan M., PSYD

Pulmonary Disease

Albulak, Mehmet K., MD

Radiology

Chernyak, Victoria, MD
Finkelstein, Malka B., MD
Goodman, Joan D., MD
Lui, Yvonne W., MD
Mazzariol, Fernanda S., MD
Sanchez, Laurie S., MD

Rheumatology

Weinstein, Elena M., MD

Get the Facts on CMO Claims

In September 2006, CMO processed a total of 88,817 claims. Of these,

- ◆ 82.4% were processed within 15 days;
- ◆ 98.7 in 30 days; and
- ◆ 99.69% in 45 days.

CMO Provider Relations has access to many listings for professional office space in and around Montefiore sites. Practice management services are also available.

For more information, please contact CMO Provider Relations at 914.377.4477.

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