

# UOP Physician News

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## PPOM Credentialing by UOP

UOP is very pleased to announce that it is expanding its relationship with Preferred Providers of Michigan (PPOM), one of Michigan's largest PPOs, by entering into a delegated credentialing agreement with PPOM.

UOP will be providing its physicians with new and recredentialing services for PPOM which will save physician offices valuable time and money. You may be aware that UOP provides delegated credentialing services for many other UOP contracts including CAPE Health Plan, Care Choices, Health Alliance Plan, and Preferred Choices. UOP is currently providing this service at no additional cost to its physicians.

*If you have any questions regarding this new UOP service, please contact us at (313)240-9867.*

## Care Choices Contract Renewal

UOP completed contract renewal negotiations with Care Choices HMO. **The new contract takes effect August 1, 2004.** Terms of the new contract include:

▪ **Reimbursement** – under the prior contract, reimbursement to PCPs and Specialists was 93% Medicare 2002 rates. For dates of service August 1, 2004 reimbursement under the new arrangement will be:

- ✓ PCP reimbursement will be based on 110% of prior year Medicare fee for service
- ✓ Specialist reimbursement will be fee for service at 100% prior year Medicare

▪ **Risk Based Contract**

- ✓ Full risk agreement
- ✓ Surplus and deficit sharing
- ✓ Maximum risk up to withhold
- ✓ PCP withholds will be set at 10% for dates of service August 1, 2004-forward
- ✓ SCP withholds will be the same as communicated to each UOP specialist in January, 2004

*If you have any questions on the Care Choices contract renewal contact us at (313)240-9867.*

## AETNA Fee Schedule Increase

The UOP/Aetna contracted fee schedule has increased an average of 15-20%. This increase is effective for dates of service May 1, 2004. If you are interested in obtaining reimbursement rates relative to procedure codes billed by your practice, please call us.

[www.uopvalue.com](http://www.uopvalue.com)

Information available on UOP's web site includes:



- Complete directory of UOP's contracted physicians, hospitals and ancillary providers
- UOP Preferred Drug List
- Physician Rx Information
  - Heartburn & Reflux
  - Allergies & Antihistamines
  - Antidepressants
  - Rx Utilization Ideas from UOP Physicians
- Past Provider Newsletters

*If you do not have access to the internet; however, are interested in obtaining copies of any of the materials listed above, please contact us.*

## NEW EMPLOYEE

UOP is pleased to announce the addition of a new Nurse Case Manager. **Jo Russom, RN**, comes to UOP with extensive care management experience. Her prime duties include OHSCare and other UOP health plans. Jo can be reached at (313)240-9632.

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