

# UOP News

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Newsletter for Provider Office Staffs  
United Oakwood Providers, LLC  
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## 2004 UOP Fee Schedule Increases

Through continued negotiations with the various health plans, UOP's average physician reimbursement has increased with the following health plans:

- ⇒ **Aetna** – 20-25% increase 5/1/04
- ⇒ **Care Choices HMO** – 14% increase 5/1/04
- ⇒ **HAP HMO** – UOP reimbursement 2% higher than HAP's standard fee schedule – effective 1/1/04
- ⇒ **HAP PPO** – 8% increase effective 4/1/04
- ⇒ **M-CARE** – 3-5% increase effective 5/1/04

If your office is interested in obtaining a sample fee schedule, specific to your physician's specialty, please contact Theresa Lartz, UOP Provider Services at (313)240-9638.

## UOP 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2002 Settlement

UOP is very pleased to distribute the remainder of the 2002 \$2.1 million settlement. Flyers were placed in the physician lounge at each Oakwood facility April 30<sup>th</sup>, announcing the additional distribution. The flyers indicated the physician names that could 1) stop by UOP's offices to receive their checks, or 2) call UOP to make arrangements for receipt of their checks.

***UOP still has checks at our office. To ensure your practice receives its additional 2002 Settlement check; contact us at (313)240-9867.***

**OHC-Westland PT Center, located at 6555 N Wayne Rd, Westland closed May 28, 2004.**

See UOP's web site [www.uopvalue.com](http://www.uopvalue.com) for additional contracted PT Centers

## Malpractice Insurance



**High rates getting you down**

**Wish you could do something about it**

**Don't know what to do**



UOP has contracted with a consultant to help your practice find the best values in medical professional liability and business insurance. **Dean Schink** is a Licensed and Certified Insurance Counselor that has specialized in providing professional liability insurance, business insurance, work comp., health, life and disability income insurance for physicians in Michigan for the past 15 years. UOP is pleased that he will use his expertise to help UOP members put more money in their pockets and less in the insurance companies wallets. Mr. Schink will provide you with the personalized service we think your practice expects and deserves. He will meet with you to review current coverage, suggest options and ensure your practice's transition to premium savings is headache free.

***This service is provided at no charge for UOP members***

Please contact Mr. Schink immediately about the Oakwood Professional Liability Insurance Program. It offers: UOP discount, loss free discount, ER on call discount, consent to settle option, claims made with a pre-paid tail policy, or claims made with prior acts coverage to ensure an easy transition from a current claims made policy into the Oakwood program - with no lapse, gaps or expensive tails to purchase.

UOP has reviewed what is available in the market. ***The UOP premiums are SUBSTANTIALLY less than what most of our members are currently paying to their current carriers. Plus, additional credits of 20% may be available. Please complete the attached UOP Assessment form and fax it to Mr. Schink so that you can start saving money today!*** He can also be reached by telephone at: (248)889-8578 or e-mail at [dmsatspecialized@msn.com](mailto:dmsatspecialized@msn.com). Refer to the UOP Program when you contact him. **All terms and conditions are subject to underwriting approval.**

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## Health Alliance Plan Updates

### **Promatch Editing Software**

In April, 2003, HAP implemented *ProMatch*, a pre-payment editing software. The software determined the appropriateness and intensity of service based upon submitted ICD-9 and CPT-4 codes. HAP has made the decision to de-activate ProMatch and take the following actions:

- ⇒ Continue to edit codes under *ProMatch* to determine the appropriateness of service and intensity of service based upon ICD-9 and CPT-4 codes.
- ⇒ Claims previously reduced as a result of *ProMatch* editing will be adjusted and the reduction will be eliminated. ***There will be no need for offices to re-submit previously reduced claims.***
- ⇒ General information on *ProMatch* can be obtained at [www.hap.org](http://www.hap.org), if you have questions on a specific claim you can contact HAP's Claims Investigation and Assessment Department (CIA) at (248)443-4400.

### **HAP's List of Routine PCP Services Revised**

May 19<sup>th</sup>, HAP mailed out to all contracted Primary Care Physician practices an updated listing of routine services that can be performed by PCPs in their offices or outpatient settings. The listing is quite extensive, a total of 27 pages.

***If your practice needs a copy of any of HAP's updates, contact HAP's Provider Services at (313)664-8075 or UOP at (313) 240-9867***

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## M-CARE Billing News Updates

### **May 2004 - New Continuous Airway Pressure**

**(CPAP) Requirements** that will become effective June 1, 2004. Device requests must meet new screening criteria and are subject to a three month trial period.

### **June 2004 – “Not otherwise classified or Unlisted (NOC) Codes.”**

When using Unlisted or NOC codes, the following documentation must also be submitted:

- ⇒ Sufficient detailed description of the procedure
- ⇒ Operative or radiology report (if applicable)
- ⇒ Pathology report (if tissue is involved)
- ⇒ Additional documentation to justify the service performed and use of the NOC code

***M-CARE's Billing News is available on M-CARE's web site at [www.mcare.org](http://www.mcare.org).***

## OHSCare – Newly Contracted CT Center

Effective May 7, 2004 the following diagnostic center has been added as a participating provider to OHSCare:

### ***HealthCheck Imaging***

17000 Hubbard Drive, Suite 600  
Dearborn, MI 48124  
Phone: (313)982-9640  
Fax: (313)982-9650

### **Diagnostic Imaging Services provided by**

#### ***HealthCheck include:***

- ⇒ CT exams both with and without contrast injections utilizing Toshiba Aquilion 16 slice scanner and Vital Images Vitrea 2 workstation
- ⇒ Perform traditional CT exams, as well as CT Angiographies, Virtual Bronchoscopies, Virtual Colonoscopies and Cardiac work