

UOP NEWS FAX

To: All UOP/BCN Physicians
From: Yasser Hammoud, M.D.
Date: September 24, 2008
Re: Update on BCN Performance Recognition Program

I am writing to inform you of several important Blue Care Network updates to the 2008 Performance Recognition Program.

1. In early October, **Health e-Blue will provide the option for you to enter noncompliant member services. The Quality Summary Reports will not show a hit to the numerator.** You will be able to see if your submission for noncompliant members was met in the Treatment Opportunity section for that specific measure.

2. Blue Care Network must receive all 2008 Performance Recognition Program data submissions entered directly into Health e-Blue by January 9, 2009, for consideration in the 2008 PRP payment scheduled for May 2009. There will be no extensions to input data after January 9, 2009. In addition, BCN will freeze membership for a primary care physician on October 1, 2008. The PCP assigned to the member on that date will be responsible for the member's care when administering the 2008 base PRP program. The October 20, 2008, refresh date in Health e-Blue will be the final member detail for the 2008 base PRP denominator. **We recommend that you download the member detail so you will have the final list for the 2008 base PRP denominator.** The November and December Quality Summary Reports may have a different denominator than what you will be measured on for 2008 base PRP.

3. Due to the shortage of the Hib vaccine, **BCN will give credit in the 2008 base PRP for a completed childhood combo 3 with two Hib vaccinations and not the original three Hib vaccinations.** In order for a member to meet childhood immunizations combo 3, they must have four DTaP vaccinations, three IPV vaccinations, one MMR, one VZV, two Hib vaccinations, three hepatitis B vaccinations and four pneumococcal conjugate vaccinations on or before the second birthday. You will see changes with this measure in the October Quality Summary Report.