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IME Policy Clarification # 000102_3

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Ms. Kim Folz
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Dear Ms. Folz:

This letter is a formal notification of the state's expectations related to the operations and implementation of Iowa Medicaid under the managed care program. This purpose of this letter is to do following:

- ☒ Provide formal guidance
- ☐ Request for information

Content

This formal Policy Clarification 000102-ADDENDUM #3 supplements previous formal clarification provided originally under Policy Clarification 000102 and, subsequently, under Policy Clarification 000102-ADDENDUM, and 000102_2. All previous formal policy clarification on this issue communicated under these two previous Policy Clarification documents is incorporated by reference herein.

The **additional** formal clarification (i.e., ADDENDUM #3) being provided in this current communication relates to a question by UHC related to allowed/payable supplies of birth control pills and other contraceptives, related to payment by UHC for such services rendered by Family Planning Clinics (FPCs) under the Iowa Family Planning Network (IFPN) limited benefit program.

As UHC has correctly noted, Iowa Medicaid administrative rules only specifically address 90-day supply for oral contraceptives (i.e., birth control pills). This provision is found at 441—78.2(6), addressing “quantity prescribed and dispensed”. Note that this administrative rule provision is actually found under the Department’s “prescribed outpatient drugs” rule, which is primarily applicable to pharmacy policy. There is no other administrative rule or provider manual provision addressing 90-day supply of other forms of contraceptives.

The foregoing notwithstanding, and as outlined in Policy Clarification 000102-ADDENDUM, the IME has a long-standing and established practice of allowing payment to Family Planning

Clinics (FPCs) for 90-day supplies for other forms of contraceptives, beyond birth control pills. The following was noted in Policy Clarification 000102-ADDENDUM:

1. Confirmation by the IME of its established practice of paying FPCs for a 90-day supply of other forms of contraceptives, beyond oral contraceptive pills (OCPs). It is noted that payment is made for a 90-day supply of OCPs, when dispensed by an FPC. The other non-oral contraceptives and corresponding supply information for FPCs is as follows:
 - a. Vaginal ring (e.g., NuvaRing), billed with J7304 – 90-day supply is allowed.
 - b. Ortho Evra contraceptive patch (billed with J7303) – 90-day supply is allowed.
 - c. Male condoms (billed with A4267) – 90-day supply is allowed.
 - d. Female condoms (billed with A4268) – 90-day supply is allowed.

The foregoing inadvertently did not include “spermicide”, billed with HCPCS Level II procedure code A4269, which is also payable for a 90-day supply.

In light of the foregoing, therefore, UHC should allow payment for 90-day supplies for the types of contraceptives and allowed units specified above.

Please sign and return the attached receipt and attestation of understanding by December 9, 2016.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Matney
Managed Care Oversight and Supports Bureau Chief

Attestation:

I hereby attest to understanding this communication including all requirements and due dates.

Name_____

Date_____