



Iowa Department of Human Services

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IME Policy Clarification # 000102_2

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MCO
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Des Moines, Iowa XX

Dear Ms./Mr. _____:

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 clarification ADDENDUM #2 supplements previous formal clarification provided originally under Policy Clarification 000102 and, subsequently, under Policy Clarification 000102-ADDENDUM. 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 being provided in this current communication relates to payment by <MCO> for services rendered by Family Planning Clinics (FPCs) and other similar providers under the Iowa Family Planning Network (IFPN) limited benefit program. The specific issue addressed in this formal policy clarification ADDENDUM #2 is as follows:

1. Relative to IFPN covered services, inclusive of receiving birth control pills and other covered birth control supplies (e.g., patches, rings, etc), MCO members who are eligible under both the ***hawk-i*** and IFPN are allowed to receive birth control pills in the following two (2) ways:
 - a. They may receive them through the IFPN provider (*i.e., dispensed by the IFPN provider*), whereby the IFPN provider submits a claims for the pills dispensed and where the IFPN provider is also paid a dispensing fee for the birth control pills being dispensed, by virtue of appending the "SE" modifier to the claim line for the dispensed birth control pills.
 - b. Instead of the IFPN provider dispensing birth control pills, a practitioner at the IFPN provider with prescriptive authority under Iowa law (*e.g., physician, physician*

assistant, advanced registered nurse practitioner, certified nurse midwife, etc.),
may also write a prescription for the member to take to a participating pharmacy to
be filled.

The Department's original and ADDENDUM "Policy Clarification" letters to all three of the MCOs under log number 000102, clarifying the requirement the MCOs must pay for birth control pills for IFPN members under both of the options noted above, did not differentiate between IFPN-only and IFPN-**hawk-i** members receiving IFPN covered services. Therefore, pursuant to this current 000102 ADDENDUM #2, the MCOs are required to pay IFPN providers for birth control pills in the manner described above, for both IFPN-only and IFPN-**hawk-i** members receiving IFPN covered services.

Please sign and return the attached receipt and attestation of understanding by July 22, 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_____