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## Third Party Update

To: IPA NY Members

From: Heather Rodgers

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### 1. **NY MEDICAID ACTUAL ACQUISITION AND COST TO DISPENSE SURVEYS:**

Last week the NY State DOH sent a letter about these two surveys. These surveys are **MANDATORY** (18 NYCRR Section 505.3 & 18 NYCRR 504.3). If you do not complete the surveys, you will be **TERMINATED** from NY Medicaid. All surveys must be completed by 10/18/12.

NY Medicaid's pharmacy reimbursement policy change is designed to move to an acquisition price plus a full cost to dispense reimbursement model known as Estimated Acquisition Cost (EAC). While you must submit your drug acquisition invoice pricing, it is more crucial that you accurately and completely include ALL your pharmacy costs in the cost to dispense (COD) survey. NY will also be surveying chains in order to calculate an average COD fee. The only way to ensure that this new formula is a fair reimbursement level for all of a pharmacy's cost of service is to give them all your costs. Understand that the COD fee will be an average of surveyed pharmacies, so the more costs you can document the larger the average fee. If you have questions, contact the NYSDOH by e-mail @ [medpharmpricing@health.state.ny.us](mailto:medpharmpricing@health.state.ny.us).

### 2. **HUMANA CONTRACT AMENDMENT UPDATE:**

In July, you received a contract amendment for Humana plans that included some provisions (Home delivery limits, Controlled Substance dispensing limits, 24/7 Pharmacist support). NCPA has had discussions with Humana about these provisions and the potential impact that it would have on community pharmacy. **Humana has removed these provisions from the contract.** You should be receiving a new Amendment within a few days. Please make sure you read the Terms and Conditions carefully before accepting.

### 3. **CIGNA MAC INCREASE:** Cigna has notified me that the MAC price on the following drug has been increased:

- **METHYLPHENIDATE ER 30MG** effective 9/1/12.

### 4. **HORIZON NJ HEALTH MAC INCREASES:** The following drugs have been updated by Horizon NJ Health. Please check your reimbursements and resubmit if necessary (they have a 90 day window to reverse claims.)

- **PERMETHRIN 5% CREAM** effective 8/1/12.
- **SSD CREAM** effective 8/1/12.
- **METHOTREXATE 7.5MG** effective 8/1/12.
- **CLINDAMYCIN/BENZOYL PEROXIDE GEL 1.2%/5%** effective 8/1/12.
- **BUDESONIDE 0.25MG/2ML\*\*** effective 9/20/12.
- **DIVALPROEX 500MG ER\*\*** effective 9/20/12.

\*\* Please note the Budesonide and Divalproex updates will not be in the HNJH system until next week. Please reverse and resubmit those claims on or after 10/8/12.

If you have any questions, please contact Heather Rodgers at IPA @ 800-575-2667 or hrodgers@ipagroup.org. Visit the IPA website, [www.ipa-rx.org](http://www.ipa-rx.org) for updates on 3rd party and legislative issues.