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RxEffect Provider Tool

RxAnte offers an innovative quality platform called RxEffect. The platform is free to Provider groups and offers targeted patient lists, daily claim updates, and a strong workflow support for your practice to support medication adherence. Active use of the RxEffect tool has been shown to improve adherence, quality measure outcomes, and enrollee outreaches.

Be on the lookout for exciting new RxEffect **Enhancements including:**

- ✓ New PCP Attribution Helps Providers engage more effectively in RxEffect
- Appointment Agendas Available after March to capture HCCs and proper risk-adjustment
- Improved dashboard reporting and the ability to save filters for improved efficiency

- ✓ Polypharmacy Measures Improves the ability to manage and outreach medically complex enrollees
- Bonus Incentive Program Offers additional incentives for Providers active within the RxEffect tool during the program period

Check out the RxEffect Video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=loEKiM7veZQ

To learn more about RxEffect, visit www.rxante.com and speak with your Provider Relations and/or Quality representative.

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Quality 2



Engaging your Patients in Medication Adherence Discussions

According to the American Medical Association, patients only take their medications half of the time. Adherence is defined as a patient who takes their medications at least 80% of the time, and with the current rate of 50% adherence in the general public, this area is worth addressing. To combat this lack of adherence, engaging with your patients is essential.

Below are some tips on how to assess for medication adherence in your patient.

- Create a routine by asking *every* patient about their adherence to medications.
- Ask open-ended questions.
 - Can you tell me how you are taking this medication?
 - What do you think about this medication?
 - How do you remember to take your medicine?
- Ask the patient about barriers that hinder them from taking their medication.
 - What bothers you about this medication?
 - What stands in the way of you taking your medicine?
- Offer a supportive, non-judgmental atmosphere by using motivational interviewing:
 - Listen to the patient's concerns
 - Ask the patient about their health goals
 - Avoid arguments and adjust to resistance
 - Support optimism and give encouragement
 - Understand and respect patient values and beliefs

- If the patient says they are non-adherent, thank them for sharing before continuing to assess.
- Develop a plan to address barriers the patient is experiencing and involve the patient in your decisions. One way to do this is to offer clinically appropriate options for them to choose from.
 - Use the word "we".
 - We can try option 1 or option 2. What do you think about these options? Which of these do you think best suits you?



We value everything you do to deliver quality care to our members – your patients. Thank you for playing a role in assessing and improving medication adherence in your patients.

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Quality 3



Centene's New Provider Claims Menu Redesign in the IVR Underscores a Relentless Commitment to Superior Digital Solutions

PROVIDERS HAVE A NEW CLAIMS MENU TO HELP THEM QUICKLY ACCESS IMPORTANT CLAIMS INFORMATION IN CENTENE'S IVR (INTERACTIVE VOICE RECORDING).

The new provider menu requires less input from providers to get basic information on a claims status.

The 1st phase of the new Provider Claims Redesign includes the following key enhancements:

- √ New Claims Upfront Message informing callers of changes
- ✓ Ability to search by Claim ID
- ✓ Ability to search and list all of a Member's Claims within the last 90 days
- ✓ Ability to search by Claim DOS without having to enter Billed Amount or Members DOB
- ✓ Added playback control and skip functions to easily access claim information

For more information on training opportunities for you and your internal team, please contact your Provider Representative.



WellCare Provider Portal – iCarePath Appeal & Dispute Project

MEDICARE ONLY

Applies to claim appeals and disputes only

Medicare providers have the ability to view the status of claim appeals and disputes

Enhancements Include:

- A combined appeal and dispute form (before this there was a separate form for appeals and disputes)
- Updated helpful content throughout the form to make the submission process easier for providers
- ✓ Prepopulated enrollee and servicing provider information
- ✓ Confirmation message with ticket number for applicable iCarePath lines of business
- ✓ New "Appeal" and "Dispute" tabs on the claims landing page that will allow providers to search for the status of their appeal or dispute by provider ID or ticket number

Operational 4



Updating Provider Directory Information

WE RELY ON OUR PROVIDER NETWORK TO ADVISE US OF DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES SO WE CAN KEEP OUR INFORMATION CURRENT.

To ensure our members and Provider Relations staff have up-to-date provider information, please give us advance notice of changes you make to your office phone number, office address or panel status (open/closed). Thirty-day advance notice is recommended.



New Phone Number, Office Address or Change in Panel Status:

Please call us at: 1-855-538-0454

Thank you for helping us maintain up-to-date directory information for your practice.



Community Connections Help Line

1-866-775-2192

We offer non-benefit resources such as help with food, rent and utilities.

Operational 5



Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Through PaySpan®

FIVE REASONS TO SIGN UP TODAY FOR EFT:

- 1 You control your banking information.
- **2** No waiting in line at the bank.
- **3 No** lost, stolen, or stale-dated checks.
- 4 Immediate availability of funds **no** bank holds!
- **5 No** interrupting your busy schedule to deposit a check.

Setup is easy and takes about five minutes to complete. Please visit **https://www.payspanhealth.com/nps** or call your Provider Relations representative or PaySpan at **1-877-331-7154** with any questions.

We will only deposit into your account, not take payments out.



Provider Formulary Updates

There have been updates to the Medicare formulary. Find the most up-to-date, complete Formulary at **www.wellcare.com**. Select your state from the drop-down menu and click on Pharmacy under Medicare in the Providers dropdown menu.

You can also refer to the Provider Manual to view more information regarding WellCare's pharmacy Utilization Management (UM) policies and procedures. To find your state's Provider Manual visit www.wellcare.com. Select your state from the drop-down menu and click on Overview under Medicare in the Providers drop-down menu.

Operational 6



Timely Filing

As of October 1, 2020, the Timely Filing submission requirements specified in each Provider's Meridian Medicare contract are enforced. For additional information, questions or concerns, please contact your local Provider Network Management Representative.



Provider Bulletins

Remember to view the online Provider Bulletins regularly for important updates and notices.

Visit **www.wellcare.com**; select your state, click on *Providers*, scroll down and click on *READ BULLETINS*.



Provider Resources

Provider News – Provider Portal

Remember to check messages regularly to receive new and updated information. Access the secure portal using the Secure Login area on our homepage. You will see Messages from WellCare on the right.

Resources and Tools

Visit www.wellcare.com/Providers to find guidelines, key forms and other helpful resources. You may also request hard copies of documents by contacting your Provider Relations representative.

Refer to our *Quick Reference Guide*, for detailed information on areas including Claims, Appeals and Pharmacy. These are at **www.wellcare.com/Providers**, click on *Resources* under your state.

Please remember that all Clinical Guidelines detailing medical necessity criteria for several medical procedures, devices and tests are available on our website at **www.wellcare.com/Providers**, click on *Clinical Guidelines* under your state.

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