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## RBG Tip Sheet Carrier Updates 12.19.16

### ANTHEM BLUE CROSS

#### Producer News Online

- **Small Group Q4 2016 Update - From the desk of Joe Greenberg:** Read a short synopsis on Anthem's success in Q4-2016 and 2016 overall, as well continued expansion of services and tools in 2017. Via the Anthem Educational Blog, you can keep up to date with Anthem's new communication outreach program for new group administrators and continued political updates and other news
- **2017 H.S.A. Plan Changes:** The 2017 Silver H.S.A. plan will have a three tier deductible and three tier out-of-pocket maximum (OOP). In addition, the deductible and OOP will now be embedded. RBG side note: The current version of the benefit summary contains an error in the footnote section which is expected to be corrected in the coming weeks. The footnote erroneously indicates that for a family "one member must satisfy their individual deductible and one member, (either same or other family member) must satisfy the individual out of pocket amount. [Click here to view the summary.](#)
- **December Webinars:** No RSVP required, just click to join the meeting at the scheduled time. Small Group updates 12/22 9:30 a.m. PST, [click here](#) and LiveHealth Online 12/28 9:30 a.m. PST, [click here](#). Test the links before joining.
- **Online Small Group Renewals:** Renewals are now available online, but groups must first register on EmployerAccess. [View the flier.](#)
- **Online Tool Enhancements:** View reports to identify who is turning 26 or 65 up to one year in advance; Dental and vision quote updates; Enhancement to the Small Group Details screens; Bill History screen enhancements and more.

### BLUE SHIELD OF CA

#### Broker Update

- **Client News:** Responding to ACA questions following the presidential election.
- **Broker Tools:** ABC's and 123's of HMO's and PPO's - Health care basics for your clients and the 2017 updated MGA.
- **Reminders:** Broker of Record changes; CVS flyer - the sequel; Renew all of your Q1 clients now.
- **Member Benefits:** Find a doctor and holiday gifts with the Blue Shield mobile app; Viva la Wellvolution!; and Teleport to a physician with Teladoc.

### KAISER PERMANENTE

#### Broker News

- **2017 Santa Cruz County - Small Group Bonus Program:** Eligible groups need a physical headquarter address in Santa Cruz County. Note: Some groups headquartered in Monterey County that have employees living in Santa Cruz County also are eligible. The bonus program runs from January 1, 2017, to June 1, 2017. The bonus amount is \$50 per Kaiser Permanente member (based on the member count as of the effective date for the new group). The bonus applies to all channels (including Covered California Small Business and California Choice).

## **UNITED HEALTHCARE**

### **Broker Connection**

- **Various Updates:** View the Prescription Drug List (PCL) changes for 1/1/17-6/30/17; IRS Extends Deadline for form 1095, the new deadline is March 2, 2017, however the deadline for 10945 reporting has not changed; Learn about the UHC weight loss program for groups 51+; New Musculoskeletal value-based care payment program; Value-based Care report results; The Member Disclosure Notice was mailed the week of November 28; and read about the origination and prevention of opioid abuse.

### **Important Billing Update**

- **Remittance Mailing Addresses Change for Non-Medical:** Per the notification included in the July 2016 Invoice mailing, the mailing address for UnitedHealthcare Life, Disability, Critical Illness and/or Accident Coverage has been changed. View the update for the new mailing addresses for regular and overnight mail and handling of checks mailed to the old address.

## **NON MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS**

### **WAGeworks/CONEXIS**

#### **Newsletter**

- **Compliance Corner:** COBRA Q&A; 2016 IRS instructions for reporting COBRA coverage on 1094 forms; 2017 FSA plan limits; and PCOR fees rise.
- **News & Trends:** OCR pays closer attention to small HIPAA breaches; and Better informed employees make better benefit choices.
- **Behind the Scenes:** WageWorks holiday supply drives for local charities.

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