
Group Purchasing Option

DCA recently signed an agreement to offer a Group Purchasing Option to its members. The Henry Schein / Caligor representatives gave a brief overview of their company and products at the September office manager's meeting. Several offices requested additional information. Of the fee quotes done to date by Caligor, the new group purchasing option will result in an average savings of 16% to 32% to those offices. There is NO COST to participate in this option. It's a win-win situation. If you have not had the opportunity to receive a quote, contact the DCA office today.

Survey

Be watching your mail for a survey from the DCA office. We are asking for feedback on our staff's performance for this year as well as assistance in determining direction for DCA for the coming year. Please fill out the survey and fax your results back to our office at your earliest convenience. We value your opinions!

DCA Outlook is a publication of the Deaconess Clinical Associates, a physician/hospital organization. Business is limited to those physicians who are members of the DCA. Physicians interested in joining the DCA may contact Tamora Graham, executive director, at (405) 604-6204.

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*Wishing you and yours a very
happy holiday season...*



Outlook

Dear DCA Providers:

It's hard to believe that 2005 is almost over. The year has been a busy one with the changes going on at Deaconess Hospital. However, the PHO continues to grow and we thank you for your support. New contracts were negotiated this year as well as some increase in reimbursements in others. We've held four of our office managers meetings and the response has been overwhelming. If you didn't have the opportunity to attend this year, I hope you will make it a priority to attend at least one in 2006. They're educational and are at no additional cost to you.

One service we offer at DCA that we encourage you to take advantage of is a review of your fee schedule. The DCA staff will do a comparison of your current billed charges against a benchmark rate. So often we set our fees and don't look at them again for years. We recommend your fees be reviewed annually. You may find (as many others have) that your fees on some codes need to be increased in order to reap the full benefit of the contracts you are participating in.

Our annual membership letter will be arriving in your office within in the next couple of weeks. Several have asked for the opportunity to pay their 2006 dues before year end for tax purposes. If you choose to wait until after the first of the year, that still remains an option since the due date will not be until February.

Have a great holiday season. We're looking forward to a wonderful and prosperous 2006!

Tamora Graham
Executive Director

Plan Updates

Deaconess Hospital Employees

Deaconess Hospital employees insurance plan is changing January 1, 2006. The network of choice will be PPO Oklahoma. If you are not currently a PPO Oklahoma provider, contact the DCA office. The copay to the physician will be increasing slightly. There remains a financial benefit to the member to use Deaconess Hospital for their inpatient and outpatient services rendered. Be sure to obtain a new copy of the ID card. The address for claim submission will be included on the back of the card. Please assist Deaconess in filing your 2005 claims to Waterstone for services rendered to Deaconess Hospital employees as soon as possible. We appreciate your promptness!

PacifiCare Commercial HMO

PacifiCare has recently offered a new contract to DCA which results in a significant reimbursement rate increase. If you have not taken advantage of the opportunity to participate in PacifiCare in the past but would like more information, contact the DCA office.

Coventry / PPO Oklahoma / CCN

DCA currently holds a contract with CCN. That contract will be terminating at the end of February as Coventry is rolling the CCN and PPO Oklahoma networks into one network. DCA has contacted Coventry and requested a PHO contract for PPO Oklahoma with delegated credentialing. Due to the changes they are currently undergoing in their own office, they have tabled our request until after the first of the year. DCA will re-contact Coventry before the final termination date of the CCN contract. Currently, if you participate on CCN through DCA, you may see PPO Oklahoma members through that network. We will keep you apprised as we progress.

Humana Military Services / TriCare

A new contract was signed with Humana Military Services for their TriCare benefit. The new contract results in an increased reimbursement for services not listed in the CMAC. All participating providers were effective with this new reimbursement on November 1, 2005. If you are not currently participating in TriCare and would like more information, contact the DCA office.