

## **PCPs Now Reimbursed Above Capitation for Performing Circumcisions**

Health Partners participating PCPs who perform circumcisions on newborn males now receive fee-for-service reimbursement for this procedure in accordance with Health Partners' fee schedule.

Previously, reimbursement was included in a PCP's capitation, but a circumcision performed on a newborn male is now billable as a separate service. For further information, please contact your Physician Network Consultant, or call the Provider Services Helpline at 215-991-4350 or 1-888-991-9023.

## **Senior Partners Offers No-Cost Medicare-Approved Drug Discount Card**

Senior Partners members are now eligible to receive the new ScriptSave Premier Medicare-approved Drug Discount Card at no cost.

**When you provide a script for a Senior Partners member, please remind him/her to use the new card.**

You may also find these facts helpful:

- **The new ScriptSave Premier Medicare -approved card provides an annual \$600 prescription drug credit to members who meet income and other eligibility requirements.**
- **There is no enrollment or yearly fee for using the card, unlike some Medicare -approved cards that have been issued.**
- **More than 200 pharmacies in Philadelphia accept the ScriptSave Premier card.** ScriptSave has a broad network of pharmacies in all 50 states.
- **To receive discounts, Senior Partners members need only present their card to the pharmacist.** The member pays the discounted prescription price and enjoys immediate savings.

Providers who have questions about ScriptSave Premier or the original ScriptSave prescription discount card (which is issued to all Senior Partners members) can call Health Partners' Provider Services Helpline at 215-991-4350 or 1-888-991-9023.

## **Continuity of Care for New Health Partners Members**

Health Partners is responsible for helping new members transition from another Physical Health Managed Care Organization (PH-MCO) or Fee-for-Service health insurer to our health plan.

Health Partners must coordinate and continue to authorize services reimbursed under the previous plan for up to a maximum of sixty (60) days. This allows the new member to continue receiving services from a provider outside Health Partners' provider network during this transition period only. We follow additional guidelines (including notification of member and provider) to ensure appropriate continuity of care during the transition of new members.

Providers should already have received the Spring 2004 issue of *Inside Health Partners*, our quarterly newsletter, which outlines our responsibilities in full. This issue is posted on our website, [www.healthpart.com](http://www.healthpart.com), under "Info for Providers." To request a printed copy, please call the Provider Services Helpline at 215-991-4350 or 1-888-991-9023.

## **90-Day Grace Period for ICD-9-CM Codes Eliminated for 2004**

**For dates of service on and after October 1, 2004**, Medicare will require that ICD-9-CM codes submitted on claims must be valid at the time the service is provided. In compliance with HIPAA standards, CMS has eliminated the 90-day grace period permitted in past years. This applies to all physicians, practitioners, and suppliers who use these codes in billing Medicare carriers and Durable Medical Equipment Regional Carriers (DMERCs).

For services rendered on October 1, 2004 and after, remember to use the updated ICD-9-CM codes when billing Health Partners. This applies to services rendered for our Medicaid members, and our Senior Partners Medicare members. Otherwise, claims will be rejected as Returned Unprocessable Claims (RUCs).

For more information, please log on to [www.healthpart.com](http://www.healthpart.com) and click on "Info for Providers" to read the Spring 2004 edition of *Inside Health Partners*. Providers are also encouraged to view the new, revised, and discontinued codes at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medlearn/icd9code.asp>.

Those without internet access can call the Provider Services Helpline at 215-991-4350 or 1-888-991-9023 to request a copy of *Inside Health Partners*, Spring 2004, which includes more details.