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Dear Physician or Health Care Professional:

We're updating the Aetna Market Fee Schedule effective January 15, 2015

Beginning January 15, 2015, we'll adjust our standard fee schedule (the Aetna Market Fee Schedule, or AMFS) for all plans in your market. This change affects those services for which we pay you, based upon the AMFS. You can find these services in the compensation section of your contract. Refer to the enclosed fee schedule for an example of these changes.

How we develop fee schedules

- For Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes, we look at industry-standard methodologies and sources, such as the 2014 Resource-Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS). This includes Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) rates that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) establish (CMS Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule).
- For codes using RBRVS, we use the "site-of-service" differential. CMS defines this in transitional RVUs. This differential adjusts payment for certain codes based on where you perform a service. To find code-specific information where we use RBRVS, and the 2014 formula for calculating the physician fee schedule, visit www.cms.hhs.gov.
- For some codes for which we don't use RBRVS, or it wasn't available, we use other sources to develop the fees. This includes external vendor pricing models, Medicare fee schedules and nationally contracted rates.
- We also adjust fees based on Texas Medicare Geographic Price Cost Index (GPCI). We won't apply any other changes CMS makes in 2015 except for new codes that Medicare values.

To get the full RBRVS schedule:

- Call the Government Printing Office at **202-512-1800**
- Visit www.cms.hhs.gov

Updates include immunizations and injectable drugs

As part of our routine updates, we're adjusting drug code and immunization reimbursement for all of our plans in your market. Excluding immunizations, our drug code reimbursement including injectables for all plans in your market is based on the lesser of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) pricing and Average Wholesale Price (AWP), with market relativities, when both are available.

- The CMS quarterly update effective January 2015 as posted on the CMS website at www.cms.gov is the base for the January 15, 2015 adjustment. Market relativities will be added.
- R.J. Health is our source for AWP.

Scheduled updates for injectable drug and immunizations codes during 2015

We're also updating our injectable drug and immunization codes quarterly effective April 15, 2015, July 15, 2015 and October 15, 2015. You can get updated drug and immunization rates online as of the quarterly effective date.

Adding new CMS codes to your fee schedule – as of April 1, 2015

We will add new codes introduced by CMS for 2015 to the AMFS. This will take effect on April 1, 2015.

Get the updated AMFS online as of January 15, 2015

You can always see your current fee schedule on our secure provider website. Your updated fee schedule will be available beginning January 15, 2015. Visit www.aetna.com and select "Health Care Professionals." Then, choose "Secure Provider Website" on the right. Once logged in, select "Claims" then "Fee Schedules."

If you need your updated schedule before it's online, fax your request and the CPT codes to us. Fax to **859-455-8650** after October 15, 2014.

If you have questions, call us at:

- **1-800-624-0756** for Health Maintenance Organization (HMO)-based and Medicare Advantage plans
- **1-888-MDAetna (1-888-632-3862)** for all other plans

Thank you for your continued participation in the Aetna network.

Sincerely,

Network Vice President, South Texas Markets

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