

***What's Happening in Tennessee Managed Care??***  
**January, 2010**

***TennCare***

The BCBST product, **BlueCare**, has been operating at a loss, electing to reduce provider reimbursement to 86% of the current BlueCare fee schedule. Providers have the option to reject this change in writing by January 31<sup>st</sup>, before it becomes effective on March 3, 2010. If the Provider terminates BlueCare, the TennCareSelect product will be terminated as well. However, the TennCareSelect reimbursement is not changing at this time. Currently, BlueCare covers 400,000 members in TN.

**AmeriGroup, AmeriChoice and BCBST (Volunteer State Health Plan, Inc)** have been mandated by CMS to educate the providers on the “False Claims Act and Fraud, Waste and Abuse” in accordance with the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005. Upon receipt of these materials, you are directed by the payor to share the information with your employees. Contact your local Network Representative for each payor with questions.

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***Medicare***

**Effective September 1, 2009 Cahaba Government Benefit Administrators** became the new Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC), winning the bid from CIGNA Government Services. Some Providers are facing claim denials/delays for certain procedures, i.e. corneal tissue transplants. As a Provider who is experiencing reimbursement delays without resolution by Cahaba, you may consider other resources for resolution.

CMS released the “final” Medicare payment system changes effective January 1, 2010. Please visit [www.ascassociation.org](http://www.ascassociation.org) for detailed information; note wage indices changed by geographically area; CPT code changed, adds and deletes, take special notice of pain management CPT code changes.

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***Medicare Replacement Product***

**HealthSpring** amended the contract effective immediately to add the “Unilateral Medicare language” to include the Provider complying with Medicare; Dual eligible members are not responsible for cost sharing with Medicare when the State is responsible for such amount.

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***Network Development Activities***

**BCBST CoverTN** has suspended enrollment effective 12/31/09 due to lack of state funding. Key points are: New employees of participating employers may join; the CoverTN (Network V)

remains part of your BCBST Agreement; this change does not affect those already enrolled in the plan. CoverTN has more than 22,000 members in the plan.