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UnitedHealth Group Releases Report on Advancing Primary Care Delivery



There have been important recent gains in primary care access and utilization; yet there remain substantial and persistent gaps in access. View UnitedHealth Group's latest report for solutions to the increasing demand for primary care and the challenges due to insufficient primary care physician capacity.

2017 Summary of Benefits and Coverage Template Effective April 1



All group and individual health insurance plans and policies are required to provide an accurate Summary of Benefits and Coverage (SBC) to applicants, enrollees, policyholders and certificate holders. Review changes to the new SBC template and uniform glossary.

Message from Brian Luehne, VP, Consultant Relations



UnitedHealth Group is proud to be recognized for the seventh consecutive year as the top-ranking company in the insurance and managed care sector for **FORTUNE'S 2017 "World's Most Admired Companies"** list for its strong commitment to innovation, social responsibility, and quality of products and services.

As part of our ongoing efforts, we continue to be focused on advancing care delivery and reducing health care costs by working with providers to support coordinated, quality care and improved access. Although there have been gains in primary care access and utilization, substantial and persistent gaps remain. In this issue, view our **latest report** that offers solutions for advancing primary care delivery, including approaches to reduce the shortage in primary care physician capacity along with increasing access to high-quality primary care services.

In addition, learn how our **MedExpress® Centers** are helping to address the rising cost of emergency room services by facilitating fast, convenient access to cost-effective urgent care services.

■ **Focused Claims Review Cost-Savings Program Now Available for Self-Funded Customers**

Put an end to inaccurately billed medical claims with the Focused Claims Review Program. Our team of board-certified physicians perform targeted reviews for overcharging on claims with atypical billing patterns and high-costs. This additional step of review can stop overpayment before it starts and help lower overall health care costs.

■ **New Benefit Coverage for Soliqua™ 100/33 (Insulin Glargine/Lixisenatide) Injection**

Effective July 1, UnitedHealthcare commercial plans will begin covering a new diabetes medication, Soliqua 100/33.

■ **New Notification/Prior Authorization Required for Exondys-51™, Xolair®, Inflectra®, and Spinraza®.**

UnitedHealthcare commercial plans are implementing new notification/Prior Authorization requirements for administration of the following new specialty medications: Exondys-51, Xolair, Inflectra, and Spinraza.

■ **"Step-up Preventive" Dental Benefit Design Available for PPO, INO Dental Plans (100+)**

A new progressive dental benefit design, "Step-up Preventive," is now available for Dental Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) and Dental In-Network Only (INO) plans for all self-funded and fully insured customers with 100 or more employees, cases effective Jan. 1.



Additional Webinar Opportunity: March 28

If you missed our Feb. 21 webinar on: **Employee Health: Are You Lagging or Leading?**, join us for an additional webinar opportunity March 28 from 2:00-3:00 ET. We will be joined by Seth Serxner, Chief Health Officer, Optum, who will share the latest Wellness in the Workplace Study offering insights from employers. Topics include: Designing for well-being, Creating healthy work environments, Leveraging incentive and engagement strategies, and Measuring value of investment.