

December 1, 2014

## **PCP rate increase decommissioning update**

**This is an amendment to information previously communicated to you in a provider bulletin.**

### **Background**

In compliance with the Affordable Care Act (ACA), as amended by Section 1202 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (Anthem) is required to reimburse Medicaid PCPs at parity with Medicare rates for qualified providers and qualified services in calendar years 2013 and 2014.

Enhanced payments have been made to qualified providers by Anthem (and CommunityConnect, prior to **July 1, 2014**) on a monthly basis, and these payments will continue to be made in this way through 2014. Effective for dates of service on or after **January 1, 2015**, Anthem will no longer provide increased reimbursement to Medicare levels for primary care services. Anthem will continue to reimburse qualified providers and qualified services provided in 2013 and 2014 in accordance with the requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).

### **What this means to you**

Effective for dates of service on or after **January 1, 2015**, Anthem no longer provides increased reimbursement to Medicare levels for primary care services. Reimbursement for primary care services will be in accordance with the rates specified in the Participating Provider Agreement.

For services provided in 2013 and 2014, Anthem will continue to reimburse qualified providers and qualified services in accordance with the requirements of the PPACA.

### **What if I need assistance?**

If you have questions, please contact your local Provider Relations representative or call our Provider Services team at **1-855-558-1443**.

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