

February 17, 2023

RE: Community Medical Center (CMC) Claim Treatment during Anthem Non-contract Status

During this time of non-contract between CMC and Anthem:

- SJVIA has been hopeful for a quick resolution,
- Anthem is hopeful for a quick resolution,
- CMC is concerned that negotiations could take longer,
- CMC is holding claims through February 28, 2023,
- SJVIA conducted a pricing refresh RFP with finalists from the Plan Year 2023 full RFP
- Refresh pricing reviewed by Keenan (SJVIA Consultant), HUB (County of Fresno's consultant), and Alliant (County of Tulare's consultant) yielding opposing recommendations,
- CMC encouraged SJVIA to direct contract with CMC during this gap period of non-network coverage,
- CMC agreed to hold claims through March 31, 2023, for the SJVIA,
- CMC has agreed to allow Anthem Blue Cross to administer the SJVIA's direct contract with CMC,
- Approximately 95% of CMC claims under the SJVIA are from Fresno County and 5% from Tulare County, and
- Fresno County offers EPO and PPO coverage; Tulare County only offers PPO coverage.

Recommendation

Keenan recommends that during Anthem's non-contracted period with CMC, that:

- SJVIA contract direct with CMC for a provider contract and have Anthem administer the direct contract,
- SJVIA implement the CMC direct contract as "in-network" benefits,
- That the CMC direct contract have a January 1, 2023 effective date,
- That all CMC claims incurred by SJVIA members since January 1, 2023 be paid under the direct contract until Anthem and CMC reach agreement on a new provider contract and the new contract goes into effect.

It is further recommended that SJVIA conduct a Request For Proposal (RFP) for medical and prescription drug coverage for the 2024 plan year (effective date January 1, 2024 and December 11, 2023 for the County of Fresno's biweekly administration). As part of the RFP process, the SJVIA will implement the following:

Medical/Prescription Drugs:

- Proposals will be delivered to the SJVIA-Admin email address, and An SJVIA Staff/Board Ad-Hoc Committee will be a part of the proposal review

Prescription Drugs:

- Results (proposals) will be reviewed by an independent consultant,
- Proposals will be sent to Keenan (SJVIA consultant), HUB (County of Fresno's consultant), Alliant (County of Tulare's consultant) and an SJVIA-chosen independent consultant for evaluation,
- Each consultant will review proposals individually and will meet to discuss and give a recommendation.

We look forward to answering any questions you may have.



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