



Magellan Compliance Notebook

Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc. (Magellan) strives to be proactive and use education as a preventative tool to help ensure our members receive the highest quality of care through you, the provider. The Compliance Department at Magellan is committed to sending monthly e-mails to targeted providers regarding a Compliance-related subject.

This e-mail communication is specific to your HealthChoices (Pennsylvania Medicaid) Contract with Magellan.

This month, we would like to remind Drug & Alcohol Clinics and Laboratory providers to follow the applicable regulations concerning the billing of diagnostic lab services for individuals receiving services from a D&A Clinic.

Please reference Magellan's Compliance Notebook from June 2014 ([Magellan's Monthly Compliance Alerts](#)) as these expectations were previously communicated; however recent data mining activities have revealed noncompliance.

On [4/30/14](#), the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) issued a memo to reinforce Policy Clarification (PC)# 01-14-01, which was originally issued on [2/11/14](#). The purpose was to remind Outpatient Narcotic Treatment Programs and Laboratory providers that it is against Medicaid regulations to bill separately for diagnostic laboratory services that are used to detect a patient's use of substances. The regulation states that services used to detect a patient's use of drugs are included in the clinic visit fee.

As the original PC indicates, this applies to both the HealthChoices and Fee-For-Service delivery programs.

In 2016, Magellan also implemented a supplemental "Laboratory Testing of Drugs for Substance Use Disorders Medical Policy." The policy is [attached](#). Please review it carefully, especially, the parameters for ordering definitive (confirmatory) tests.

Magellan will continue to monitor for provider compliance with this regulation and our policy during routine and targeted audits as well as internal data mining activities.

At Magellan, we will continue to educate our providers with updated MA Bulletins, Regulations and other pertinent information in order to ensure Compliance.

Thank you for your ongoing hard work and dedication to our members!

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