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Re: UnitedHealthcare Preventive Medicine
and Screening Reimbursement Policy

Dear Dr. Frank:

I am following up on our earlier correspondence concerning the UnitedHealthcare Preventive Medicine and Screening Reimbursement Policy. The American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) had requested that we reassess our policy of including acute care services with preventive medicine services when physicians submit codes for both services for a single patient on the same date of service.

I am happy to tell you that we have revised our policy. UnitedHealthcare will reimburse separately for acute care services provided during a preventive medicine visit. Because much of the work encompassed in the respective E/M and preventive medicine codes is duplicative, our reimbursement of the acute care service will be at 50% of the fee schedule rate. While I cannot give you a precise implementation date, our policy revision will take effect some time during the first quarter of 2007. I will follow up with you separately when I have a more specific effective date.

We have made these changes based upon input from physicians and physician organizations. The American Academy of Family Physicians has played a significant role in providing guidance in how to reimburse for the provision of acute care services during a preventive medicine office visit. We hope that the changes we have developed will meet your needs.

Network physicians will find our Preventive Medicine and Screening Policy and all other reimbursement policies on our password-protected physician portal.



We look forward to ongoing discussion with the American Academy of Family Physicians to address issues of mutual interest. Please feel free to contact me at (952) 992-4202 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard A. Justman".

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