THE INSIDE STORY



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Medical Delivery Development Team

Scott & White Health Plan (SWHP) had a very busy year in 2012. Celebrating our 30 year anniversary, we once again achieved an "Excellent" rating with NCQA. In fact no other health plan ranked higher than Scott & White throughout the south and southwest.

Operationally, many improvements were made which resulted in fewer issues for your staffs:

- Claims turnaround time improved to 2.0 days, with 99.8% of all claims paid within 30 days. At the same time our overall claims accuracy improved to 98.5%
- Customer Advocacy implemented several new processes resulting in their quality scores increasing to 97%.
- Compliance increased healthcare fraud awareness and strengthened provider, member and employer group partnerships with ongoing fraud, abuse and waste training.

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Our future is bright as we prepare diligently for Health Care Reform and focus on new product designs for the Exchanges and for those continuing to purchase insurance outside the Exchange. Many new benefits are being added and these will provide additional services for your patients.

The Medical Delivery Development team (picture below) strives to address your concerns throughout the year and we trust that you will continue to receive exceptional service in the New Year. The new Medicaid product, RightCare was introduced with great success and many of you have met with Stacy, Kory and Kelsey, our Physician Liaisons or talked with Brenda and Gel, our network managers. We have also made several improvements to the Provider portal portion of our website www.swhp.org. Enhancements to the "Provider Search" function allows a variety of search options such as specialty filtering, search by gender, language, hospital and group affiliations and a map view with tooltips. Our new Avatar allows for detailed condition searches. The coming year will see the team continuing to grow the network and we are looking forward to visiting with you in 2013!



Network Expansion

SWHP is seeking to expand its network of providers for SeniorCare (Medicare) and RightCare (Medicaid). Over the next two months, we will be asking providers that do not yet participate with one or both of these products to consider contracting to provide services to these populations. We especially encourage physicians and hospitals that do not yet participate to do so. For more information, please contact Bob Freisinger at 254.298.6997.

Claims

HELPFUL TIPS

TO SUBMIT A CLAIM:

UB-O4 Form – standardized billing form for institutional services

CMS-1500 Form – standard claim from used by Physicians and Ancillary Providers to bill professional services and Durable Medical Equipment

TO CHECK ON A CLAIM:

MyBenefits at <u>www.swhp.org</u> is available for eligibility and claim searches. Also new provider can now self-register.

TO FIND A PROVIDER:

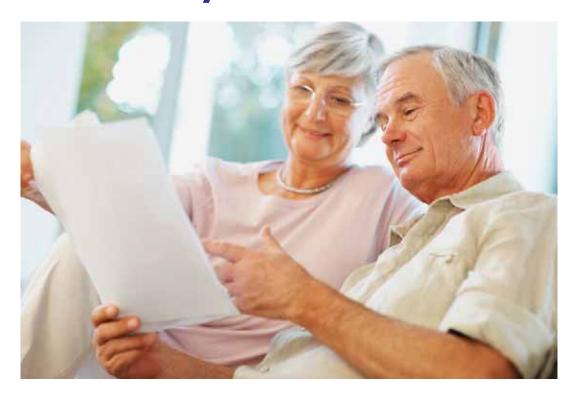
New enhanced "Provider Search"

Visit our website at www.swhp.org

Select "Find a Provider"

Select "Find a Health Plan Provider Now (interactive search)

SeniorCare Claims Processing — Medicare or SWHP Primary?



Many Scott & White Health Plan (SWHP) providers see SeniorCare members and are unsure whether to bill Medicare or SWHP primary. SWHP's Medicare product, SeniorCare, is an enhancement to Medicare, not a replacement. It is a cost contract, not a Medigap or Advantage plan; in fact it's the only cost contract in Texas and, as such, pays differently to Medicare Advantage plans.

Q. How do we identify SeniorCare members?

A. SeniorCare members have an ID card with their contract number; name and a brief description of their benefits.

Q. How does a cost contract work?

A. SeniorCare is an enhancement to Medicare, but operates with some managed care principles. Members enrolled in SeniorCare have most traditional Medicare out of pocket costs

paid directly by SWHP. If members receive routine services outside the plan's network without Prior Authorization, he member will be responsible for Original Medicare deductibles and coinsurance*

Q. Who pays primary for Part A services for SeniorCare members?

A. Part A providers such as hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, hospice care centers, home health agencies, and rehabilitation facilities should bill Medicare first and SWHP secondary.

Q. Who is responsible for any applicable Part A copays, deductibles and coinsurance?

A. SWHP may pay the applicable copays, deductibles and coinsurance, depending on the level of coverage that the SeniorCare member purchased.

Q. Who pays primary for Part B services for SeniorCare members?

A. Most participating providers should bill SWHP primary and Medicare secondary for Part B services. However, if you bill on a UB04 for Part B services, please bill Medicare primary and SWHP secondary for those claims. Also, Medicare is billed directly for ESRD and some psychiatric codes.

Q. Who is responsible for any applicable Part B copays, deductibles and coinsurance?

A. SWHP will pay for all the benefits to which the member is entitled, including any additional benefits not covered by Medicare. The member is responsible for any applicable copays and or coinsurance.

Q. When does SWHP pay for services outside the service area?

A. SWHP pays for services outside its service area when they are emergency or urgently needed services only. Any routine, Medicare covered services outside the service area that are not pre-authorized can be billed to Medicare and the member will be responsible for any deductibles and coinsurance**

Q. What do I do if I bill Medicare Part B primary in error and receive payment from Medicare?

A. Contact SWHP Customer Advocacy so that SWHP can initiate an overpayment adjustment. DO NOT REQUEST A REFUND FROM MEDICARE. SWHP coordinates all refunds from Medicare for any payment made in error.

Q. What do I do if I have received a refund from Medicare and SWHP recoups also?

A. Send an appeal to SWHP with proof of the Medicare refund. SWHP recoups overpayments from future payments on behalf of Medicare.

Q. What about Rural Health Clinics, therapists or counselors?

A. Reimbursement may be unique for provider based or rural health clinics and may be customized to reflect the reimbursement methodology between the provider and CMS. Certain mental health counselors are also not eligible for Medicare certification, i.e. LPCs and therefore are not eligible to participate in SeniorCare. Individual provider contracts outline specific coverage.

Q. Where do I find information on how to bill for these types of services?

A. Individual provider contracts have information on how to bill for services provided by these types of clinics.

Q. Are all codes covered for Part B professional services?

A. No, CPT codes 90801 – 90899 for psychiatric services should be filed directly with Medicare and CPT codes 90918-90999 for dialysis should also be filed directly with Medicare.

^{*}From the Medicare gov website glossary

^{**}For more information on this topic, go to http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/mc86c17b.pdf, §300, page 20.



A Guide for Completing the

CMS-1500 Form

The Form CMS-1500 is the standard claim form used by Physicians and Ancillary Providers to bill professional services and Durable Medical Equipment. Scott & White Health Plan offers this guide to help you complete the CMS-1500 form for your patients with the Scott & White Health Plan coverage.

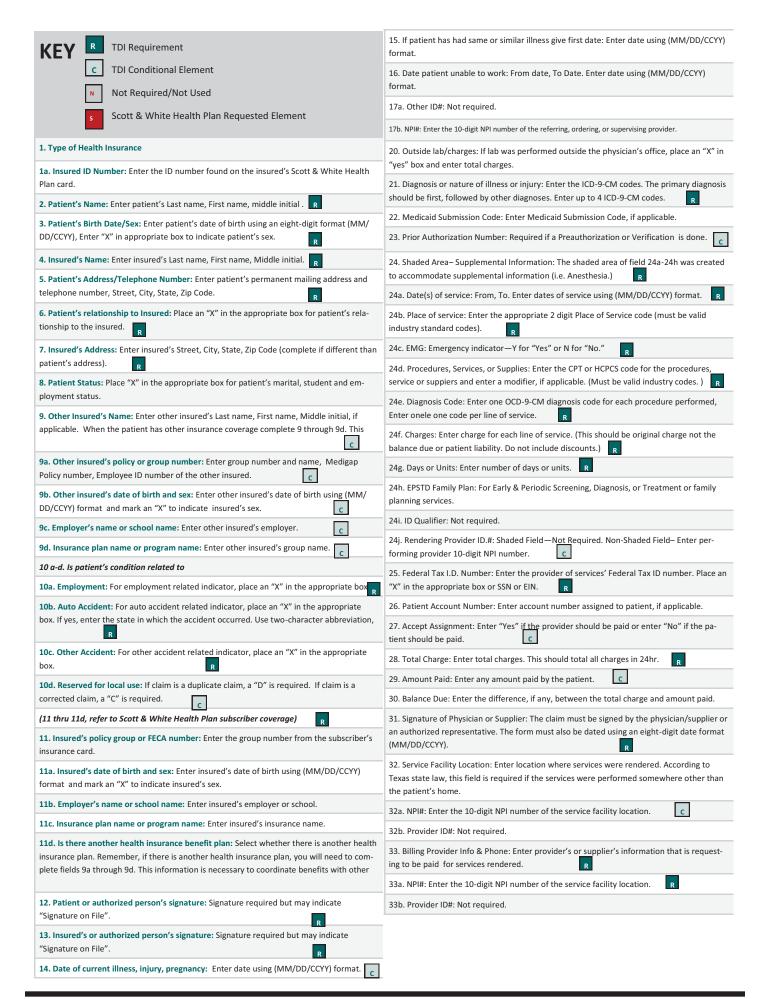
Thank you for helping us to process your claims efficiently and accurately.

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Scott & White Health Plan P.O. Box 21800 Eagan, MN 55121-0800 [1500]

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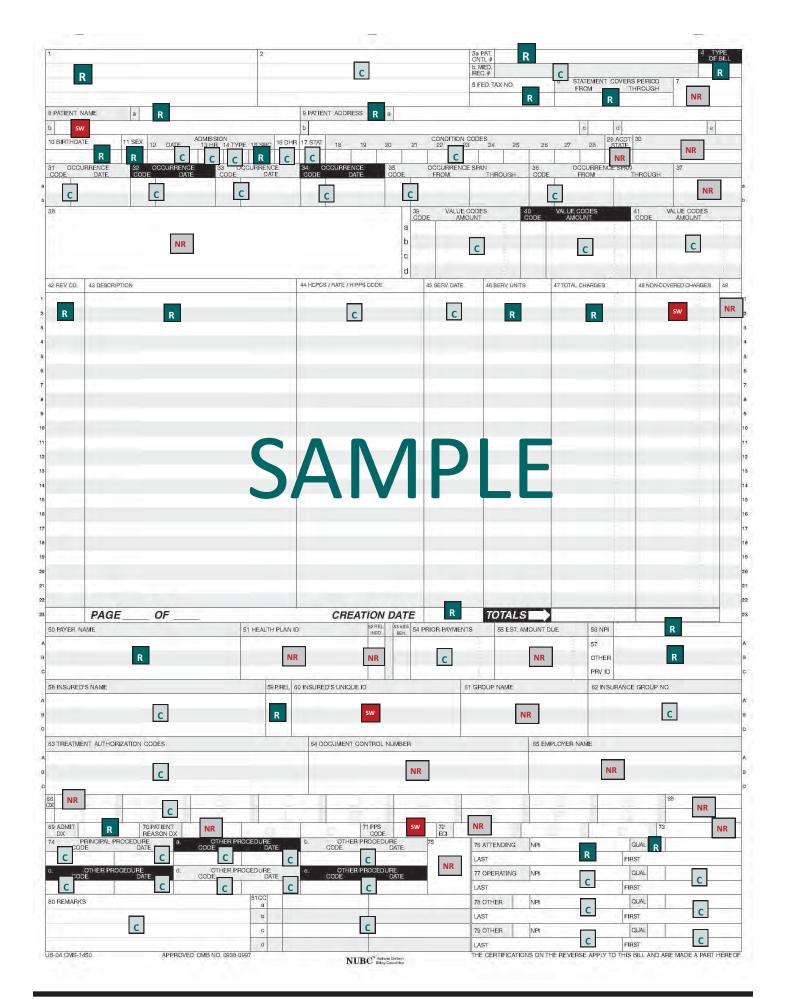
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ZA.	PATIENT CONTROL NUMBER R Enter the patient's unique alphanumeric control number assigned to the patient	29 ACCIDENT STATE NR Enter the appropriate two-digit state abbreviation where the auto accident occurred, if applicable to the claim.
36	by the provide: MEDICAL RECORD NUMBER C	20. Reserved for assignment by the NUBC. Providers do not use this field.
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Bb.	PATIENT NAME SW Enter the patient's last name, first name and modele-initial	Enter the applicable Revenue Code for the services rendered. For more information on Revenue Codes, refer to the National Uniform Billing
Ē	PATIENT ADDRESS R Enter the patient's complete mailing address (fields 8a – 5e), including street address (8a), dity (5b), state (8a), zip code (8d) and country code (9e), if applicable to the claim.	Committee's Official UB-64 Data Specifications Manual. 43. REVENUE DESCRIPTION R Enter the standard abbreviated description of the related revenue code categories included on this bill. (See Form Locator 47 for description of each
10	PATIENT BIRTH DATE R Enter the patient's date of birth using an eight-digit date format (MMDDYYYY). For example: 01281970.	revenue code category.) Note: The standard abbreviated description should correspond with the Revenue Codes as defined by the NUBC. For more information on Revenue Description, refer to the Netional Uniform
11	PATIENT SEX R Enter the patient's gender using an "F" for female, "M" for male or	Billing Committee's Official UE-94 Data Specifications Manual 44. HCPCS/RATES/HIPPS CODE C
12	ADMISSION/START OF CARE DATE (MMDDYY) C Enter the start date for this episode of care using a six-digit format (MMDDYY). For impatient services, this is the date of admission: For other (Home Health) acryleas, it is the date of care began. Note: This is required on all impatient claims.	Enter the applicable HCPCS (CPT)/HIPPS rate code for the service line item if the claim was for anothery outpatient services and accommodation rates. Also report HCPCS modifiers when a modifier clarifies or improves the reporting accuracy. 45. SERVICE DATE (MMDDYY) CENTER THE applicable six-digit format (MMDDYY) for the service line item if the claim was for outpatient services, SNPPPS assessment date, or needed to
13.	ADMISSION HOUR C Enter the appropriate two-digit admission code referring to the hour during which the patient was admitted. Required for all inpatient claims, observations	report the creation date for line 23. Note: Line 23 - Creation Date is Required. For more information on Service Dates, refer to the National Uniform Billing Committee's Official UB-04 Cate Specifications Manual.
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14.	Committee's Official UE-04 Data Specifications Manual PRIORITY (TYPE) OF VISIT c Enter the appropriate code and eating the priority of this admission.	47. TOTAL CHARGES R Enter the total charges using Revenue Code 0001 Total charges include both covered and non-covered services.
	For more information on Priority (TYPE) of Visit, refer to the National Uniform Billing Committee's Official UB-04 Data Specifications Manual	For more information on Total Charges, refer to the National Uniform Billing Committee's Official UB-04 Data Specifications Manual.
15.	POINT OF ORIGIN FOR ADMISSION OR VISIT R Enter the appropriate gode indicating the point of patient origin for this admission or visit.	4c. NON-COVERED CHARGES SW Enter any non-covered charges as it pertains to related Revenue Code
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51	HEALTH PLAN IDENTIFICATION NUMBER NR	For more information on POAs, refer to the National Uniform Billing Committee's Official UB-04 Data Specifications Manual.
	Enter the number used by the primary (51a) health plan to identify itself. Enter a secondary (51b) or tertiary (51c) health plan, it applicable.	67a-67a; OTHER DIAGNOSIS CODES C Enter additional diagnosis codes if more than one diagnosis code applies to claim.
52	RELEASE OF INFORMATION NR Enter a "Y" or "I" to indicate if the provider has a signed statement on file from	68. Reserved for essignment by the NUBC Providers do not use this field.
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54	PRIOR PAYMENTS C Enter the amount of payment the provider has received (to date) from the payer.	contract grouper with a payer
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56.	NATIONAL PROVIDEN IDENTIFIER (NPI) Enter the billing provider a 10-dig t NPI number.	73. Reserved for assignment by the NUBC. Providers do not use this field. 74. PRINCIPAL PROCEDURE CODE AND DATE (MMDDYY) c.
57	OTHER PROVIDER IDENTIFIER R	Enter the principal procedure code and date using a so-dript format (MMDDYY) if the patient has undergone an inpatient procedure.
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58,	INSURED'S NAME C	74s e OTHER PROCEDURE CODES AND DATES (MMDDYY) C
	Enter the name of the individual (primary – 58a) under whose name the insurance is carried. Enter the other insured's name when other payers are	Enter the other procedure codes and dates using a sto-digit format (MMDDYY) if the patient has undergone additional inpatient procedure.
59.	known to be involved (58b and 58e). PATIENT'S RELATIONSHIP TO INSURED R	Note: Required on ingularet claims.
001	Enter the appropriate two-digit code (59a) to describe the patient a relationship to the insured. If applicable, enter the appropriate two-digit code to describe	75. NR Reserved for assignment by the NUBC. Providers do not use this held.
	the patient's relationship to the insured when other payers are involved (59b and 59c).	76. ATTENDING PROVIDER NAME AND IDENTIFIERS R Enter the attending provider's 10-digit NPI number and last name and first name. Enter secondary identifier qualifiers and numbers as needed. *Situational: Not required for non-scheduled transportation claims.
60.	INSURED'S UNIQUE IDENTIFIER SW Enter the insured's identification number (504). If applicable, enter the other	For more information on Atlending Provider, refer to the National Uniform Billing
	insured's identification number when other payers are known to be involved (50b and 60o).	Committee's Official UB-04 Data Specifications Manual.
61.	INSURED'S GROUP NAME Enter insured's employer group name (61a). If applicable, enter other	77. OPERATING PROVIDER NAME AND IDENTIFIERS Enter the operating provider's 10-digit NPI number, Identification qualifier,
	insured's employer group names when other payers are known to be involved (6th and 6te).	Identification number, last name and first name. Enter secondary identifier qualifiers and numbers as needed
82.	INSURED'S GROUP NUMBER C	For more information on Operating Provider, refer to the National Uniform Billing Committee's Official UB-04 Data Specifications Manual.
	Enter insured's employer group number (\$2a), If applicable, enter other insured significant employer group numbers when other payers are known to be involved (\$2b and \$2c).	78-79 OTHER PROVIDER NAME AND IDENTIFIERS C
	Note: BCBSTX requires the group number on local claims.	Enter any other provider's 10-digit NPI number, Identification qualifier, Identification number, last name and first name. Enter secondary identifier
63.	THEATMENT AUTHORIZATION CODES C Enter the pre-authorization for treatment code assigned by the primary payer	qualifiers and numbers as needed
	(60a) It applicable, enter the pre-authorization for treatment code assigned by the secondary and tertiary payer (63b and 63c).	For more information on Other Provider, refer to the National Viviorm Billing. Committee's Official UB-64 Date Specifications Manual.
64	DOCUMENT CONTROL NUMBER (DCN) NR	HG. REMARKS C
	Enter if this is a void or replacement bill to a previously adjuudicated claim (84a – 84c).	Enter any information that the provider deems appropriate to share that is not supported elsewhere.
65	EMPLOYER NAME NR	etic, e.4. CODE-CODE FIELD c Report additional codes related to a Form Locator (overflow) onto report
	Enter when the employer of the maured is known to potentially be involved in paying claims.	externally maintained codes approved by the NUBC for inclusion in the includenal data set.
	For more information on Employer Name, refer to the National Uniform Billing	Note: To further identify the billing provider (R.01), enter the taxonomy code along
66.	Committee's Official UR-04 Data Specifications Manual. DIAGNOSIS AND PROCEDURE CODE QUALIFIER NR	with the "B3" qualifier. For more information on requirements for Form Locator B1, refer to the National Uniform Billing Committee's Officeal UB-04 Data.
	Enter the required value of "9" Note: "6" is allowed if ICD-10 is named as an allowable code set under HIPAA	Specifications Manual
	For more information, refer to the National Unitor in Billing Committee's Official UB-04 Data Specifications Manual.	Ling 23. The 23rd line contains an incrementing page and total number of pages for the claim on each page, creation date of the claim on each page, and a claim total for covered and non-covered charges on the final claim page only indicated many Researce, Code 0001.

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Try it out! Go to swhp.org and select the "Find a Provider" link from the home page. Then select "Find a Health Plan Provider Now (interactive search)" and you will be on your way.



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HEALTHY COMMUNITIES



It's 2013! What are your patient's resolutions? Scott & White Health Plan and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension are partnering to bring you some great opportunities to help your patients improve their health in 2013.

Our first 12 week program featuring nutrition and exercise education called Step Up Scale Down began in January. Participants received the tools and support to change their lifestyle and incorporate healthy living choices.

Each week features a different topic including goal setting, reading nutrition labels, and meal planning, and starting or stepping up your exercise program. The classes will be taught by nurses, clinical pharmacists, and wellness professionals with expertise in exercise and nutrition.

Classes are offered at selected Scott & White Clinics and Pharmacies across our service area as well as at the Health Plan. Step Up Scale Down is free for Scott & White Health Plan members and Scott & White employees. Other participants will be charged a small \$30 fee to cover costs and supplies.

Please encourage your patients to register for the next class.

For details and registration information please contact Ian Goodman at the Scott & White Health Plan at 254-298-3416 or by email at igoodman@sw.org.



Empower Your Patients Two-Year Outcomes of the Diabetes Medication Management Program

Since 2006, Scott & White has implemented a pharmacy-based diabetes medication management program (MMP), which aims to address the growing diabetes problem in central Texas by expanding the provision of diabetes care. Patients with uncontrolled blood glucose are invited to participate in the program. Through monthly visits at a Scott & White pharmacy, ambulatory care pharmacists educate patients on lifestyle modification, risk factor management, and blood glucose monitoring. Under a collaborative care agreement with physicians, the pharmacists can also adjust medications necessary to control blood glucose based on recommendations by the American Diabetes Association. To encourage participation and continuation of care, copays for diabetic medications and supplies are waived for MMP enrollees. Since CMS does not allow copay waivers in the Medicare population, the program is limited to commercial insurance members only.

Since its inception, 802 patients have participated in the program and 481 of them are actively enrolled in the program as of December 2012. Recently, a two-year analysis was performed to evaluate the impact of the MMP on glycemic control, medication adherence, and health care utilization. Glycemic control was determined using changes in hemoglobin A1c two years after MMP enrollment. Medication adherence was measured using medication possession ratio (MPR), which was calculated using the number of days the patient has medication at hand throughout the study period. Health care utilization included inpatient, outpatient, and pharmacy costs. Outcomes of the MMP enrollees were compared to a control group with similar demographic and clinical characteristics who did not participate in the program.

The analysis included 189 MMP enrollees who had at least two years of clinical data and met the following inclusion and exclusion criteria:

Inclusion Criteria

- Age between 18 and 63 years old at the time of enrollment
- English-speaking
- Written informed consent to participate in the study
- · Diabetes diagnosis at least one-year prior to enrollment
- At least one diabetes-related prescription claim before and after enrollment
- Continuous enrollment in the program throughout the study period

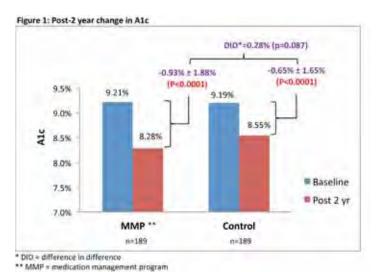
Exclusion Criteria

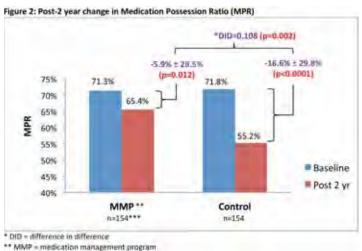
- Participation in other medication management programs
- Physician refusal
- Enrollment in Medicare

As illustrated in Figure 1 and 2, both the MMP and group groups had statistically significant reductions in A1c. The MMP group had a greater reduction in mean A1c (-0.93% vs. -0.65%, p=0.0869), but it was not significantly different from the control group. MPR dropped after two years in both groups. The reduction in MPR was significantly smaller in the MMP group (-5.8% vs. -17.0%, p<0.05). Overall, both groups had an increase in total and diabetes-related costs (Table 1). However, there was no significant difference in total health care cost per member per year between the MMP and control group (increase of 2% vs. 8%, respectively, p=0.576). Despite an increase in prescription cost due to copay waivers, the increase in

diabetes-related costs for the MMP group was significantly less (7% vs. 37%, p=0.029). This was primarily driven by savings in inpatient costs in the MMP group.

Currently, the two-year impact of the MMP on A1c remains unclear. The decrease in mediation adherence despite the copay waivers suggests a more complex issue beyond financial barriers to adherence. Nonetheless, study results show that it may prevent a decline in medication adherence and help contain health care spending. Particularly, the significant decrease in inpatient service utilization not only indicates financial benefit, but also implies an improved quality of life for the patients. It is a benefit worth examining further. The MMP team continues to evaluate the effectiveness of the program and fine-tune the process to optimize outcome. Meanwhile, a three-year outcomes analysis is underway, and a five-year study will be conducted when adequate sample size is attained.





*** Patients on insulin were excluded from MPR analysis

Table 1: Post-2 year Per Member Per Month (PMPM) Cost Difference
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	Post t	wo-year cost	t difference, \$ (%)		p-value
All-cause costs	520	(2%)	561	(8%)	0.576
Pharmacy	5107	(38%)	\$25	(12%)	<0.001
Outpatient	\$61	(16%)	\$32	(8%)	0.614
Inpatient	-\$148	(-54%)	\$3	(2%)	0.099
Diabetes-related costs	\$33	(7%)	\$69	(37%)	0,039
Pharmacy	\$104	(62%)	\$30	(32%)	<0.001
Outpatient	\$63	(55%)	\$14	(19%)	0,002
Inpatient	-\$134	(-78%)	\$24	(133%)	0.018

Corporate Compliance

Look for Fraud, Waste & Abuse (FWA) Training in 2013!

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) require that Managed Medicare Plans provide an effective fraud, waste and abuse training program to its staff and first tier downstream and related entities. Through our website, SWHP will offer this FWA training. If you and your staff take the training through another venue, it will be your responsibility to provide SWHP proof of such other training on an annual basis.

If you suspect fraud, please contact the Compliance Officer, Pamela O'Bannon at 254-298-3499 and/ or email: pobannon@sw.org or you may report it anonymously through the hotline number 1-888-484-6977.





Prescription Services

Drug-Specific Prior Authorization (PA) Forms Available Online

Scott & White Prescription Services, the pharmacy benefit provider for SWHP, has uploaded NEW prior authorization criteria for drugs & drug-specific criteria forms on the SWHP website. The NEW forms only apply to SWHP Commercial members, not Medicare or Medicaid members.

We hope access to this information will help you and your staff complete the necessary information for a prior authorization and with a goal to decrease the need to fax back and delay treatment for your patients.

Please download drug-specific forms at:

http://www.swhp.org/homepage/providers/pharmacy/prior-auth-forms.

Prior authorization criteria for drugs can also be found on the SWHP website at: http://www.swhp.org/homepage/providers/pharmacy.

If you cannot locate a form or have questions, please call SWPS Customer Service at 1-800-728-7947.



Customer Advocacy

Our Customer Advocacy team is prepared for our busy January peak call volume. Historically, after Open Enrollment, the call volume is very high and we want to be prepared. We have hired additional staff and all of our team has had additional training to ensure we are ready for our Members!

We also want to remind all of our Members and Providers that the Scott & White Health Plan wants to help our Members get an appointment when they need care. If the Member is having a difficulty getting an appointment to see one of our participating providers please have them call our Customer Advocacy department at 1-800-321-7947.



Marketing

SWHP continues to prepare for the "health insurance exchanges"

Look for several new products in the 1st quarter of 2013 to position us well with the "individual" buyer market

Policy Update/ New Policy Releases

Scott & White Health Plan Medical Coverage Policies Update

The Scott & White Health Plan Medical Coverage Policies are reviewed on an annual basis to assure continued relevance and to keep them current. This review is conducted by SWHP medical directors. Each policy is reviewed using a number of resources such as:

- Medical literature
- 2. Hayes Technology® database
- 3. InterQual® guidelines
- 4. SW Technology Assessment Determinations
- 5. Specialty Society or other national guidelines

Once policies have been reviewed by the medical directors, they are sent for specialty review. Recommendations from the specialty reviewers are considered at a subsequent Medical Director Committee meeting and a final decision on the content of the policies under consideration is made.

The review process for the above policies has been completed and they have now been published to the website. Your comments and suggestions regarding the Medical Coverage Policies are always welcome and may be forwarded to Dr. David Krauss DKRAUSS@sw.org.

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