Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield

Hurricane Sandy Information

This article is to notify all providers caring for members affected by Hurricane Sandy that President Obama has declared a major disaster exists in many of the east coast states. The following states have been declared Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designated disaster areas: Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia and West Virginia. As a result of the declaration, CMS has issued waivers and modifications under the Social Security act, retroactive to October 26, 2012, to assure members affected by this disaster will have timely access to needed health care services. These waivers and modifications are being implemented covering dates of service October 26, 2012 through December 31, 2012. Throughout the 12 states with declared emergencies, all providers caring for affected members will be considered “in-network” providers, and will not be required to satisfy referral requirements during this time. The replacement of medical equipment or supplies if needed will also be approved during this time. All services that require pre-certification must still be approved prior to the service being preformed.

New York and New Jersey members will have these waivers extended to include dates of service January 1, 2013 through January 31, 2013.

Effective for dates of service February 1, 2013 and after, normal claims processing will resume for all members.

Use of the “DR” condition code and the “CR” modifier are mandatory on claims for items and services provided under these waived conditions.


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