



UnitedHealthcare Sequestration Implementation

As a result of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced sequestration reductions to Medicare payments to physicians, facilities and other healthcare professionals, as well as our health plans, UnitedHealthcare intends to implement reductions to physician, facility, ancillary provider and other healthcare professional payments from its Medicare Advantage plans including Medicare Advantage Dual Special Needs Plans (Dual SNP). Specifically, UnitedHealthcare's Medicare Advantage plans will reduce payments by 2 percent for dates of service or dates of discharge on or after April 1, 2013 to providers whose reimbursements are based upon Medicare reimbursement methodology or rates, including Medicare fee schedules.

This announcement applies to all Medicare Advantage plans offered by UnitedHealthcare and its affiliates, including Preferred Care Partners, Senior Dimensions, Care Improvement Plus, Medica HealthCare Plans of Florida, and Sierra. This current communication does not address Medicaid reimbursement or Medicare/Medicaid demonstration plan (MME) reimbursement. As further information becomes available regarding the government's and individual states' implementation of sequestration, and, as our internal teams continue their planning, we will update our communications internally and to affected providers.