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Dear Providers,

The Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set (HEDIS) is a nation-wide collaborative effort to gather data on specific performance measures. Johns Hopkins HealthCare LLC (JHHC) on behalf of Priority Partners and the Uniformed Services Family Health Plan (USFHP) will be collecting HEDIS data on a sample of members beginning April 2007.

JHHC has contracted with Intrastaff nurses to assist us with record collection. One of the nurse reviewers from Intrastaff or JHHC will call your office to set up a date and time. The reviewers will need to copy parts of the patient's chart in order to validate the information. Please see the attached list of the HEDIS 2007 measures.

Your participation in the HEDIS project is vital to assess preventive health services for Johns Hopkins HealthCare members. **Participating in quality management activities is specified in your provider contract as well as in the State's COMAR regulations for HealthChoice recipients. There is no additional requirement to have a special patient permission note to do this.**

If you have any questions related to this project, call me at (410) 762-5394. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Barbara Bourne, PhD
HEDIS Program Manager

HEDIS® 2007 Reporting Set Measures by Domain

EFFECTIVENESS OF CARE

Childhood Immunizations Status
Adolescent Immunizations Status
Breast Cancer Screening
Cervical Cancer Screening
Comprehensive Diabetes Care
Colorectal Screening
Use of Appropriate Medications for People with Asthma
Appropriate Treatment for Children with Upper Respiratory Infection (NEW)
Appropriate Testing for Children with Pharyngitis (NEW)
Chlamydia Screening in Women (NEW)

ACCESS/AVAILABILITY OF CARE

Adults' Access to Preventive/Ambulatory Health Services
Children's Access to Primary Care Practitioners
Prenatal and Postpartum Care
Call Answer Timeliness
Call Abandonment

USE OF SERVICES

Frequency of Ongoing Prenatal Care
Well-Child Visits in the First 15 Months of life
Well-Child Visits in the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Year of Life
Adolescent Well-Care Visits
Discharge and Average Length of Stay-Maternity Care
Adolescent Well-Care Visits
Discharge and Average Length of Stay-Maternity Care
Births and Average Length of Stay, Newborns
Ambulatory Care (NEW)