



Medicare Open Enrollment: What Physicians and Patients Need to Know

Medicare Open Enrollment is quickly approaching, and Health First Network encourages its physicians to support their patients through this process. Please note that Health First Network only has contracts with WellCare and HealthSpring. Key dates, patient tips, and helpful information are included in this article. To learn more [click here](#).

Healthy Kids Product awarded to Vista Healthplan (Coventry)

Effective October 1, 2008, the Healthy Kids product for both Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties was awarded to Vista Health Plan (Coventry). Health First Network will be responsible for providing professional services for this product in both counties. For more information [click here](#).

Health First Network Welcomes Two New Staff Members

Heather Ochoa has accepted a position with HFNI as a Certified Professional Coder. Her knowledge in coding to the highest specificity will ensure that HFNI physicians are maximizing their reimbursement. To learn more about Heather's professional background [click here](#).

Jackie Murph has accepted a position with HFNI as a Provider Relations Representative. Jackie will serve as a liaison between HFNI provider offices and insurance companies to ensure physician's offices continue to improve healthcare services. To learn more about Jackie's professional background [click here](#).

Health First Network – Caring for our community

On Friday, October 24th, Health First Network staff members joined more than 1,100 other local volunteers to participate in the United Way's "Day of Caring". The Day of Caring is a one-day, community-wide event that utilizes individuals from various businesses and military commands to administer an assortment of volunteer projects at non-profit agencies and schools in our community. [Click here](#) to read more about this event.

Thrif T Drugs Pharmacy now contracted for Diabetic Education

Thrif T Drugs is a contracted Pharmacy with Health First Network, and a top ally of the organization. Thrif T Drugs is now contracted for Diabetic Education in individual and/or group sessions for WellCare members with Pharmacist Darrell Miller. For complete details [click here](#).

CME Credits Available Online

Once again, it's that time of year to think about License Renewal, and the current state required CME that goes with it. Since 2006, the rules and requirements have changed, and it's worth the effort to review what we each need to do. The easiest approach is to access the Mecop website [by clicking here](#). Both the requirements, and links to approved courses are there. Another option is to access the Florida Department of Health at http://www.doh.state.fl.us/mqa/medical/me_ceu.html, which has all of the requirements.

A message from Dr. Whibbs, HFNI Medical Director

I would like to stop for a moment and thank all of the physicians and their staff for their cooperation, and especially for their help over the past year. The difficult times will continue as healthcare reform taxis down the runway and tries to get off the ground. Health First Network will continue to be a hugely positive influence on healthcare delivery in our community because of the care, the concern, the skill, and the involvement of our physicians...and that makes my job working for you so much easier.

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