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CRITICAL INSURANCE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS MEMO PLEASE READ NOW

PROVIDER CONTRACT CHANGES WITH REGENCE BLUE SHIELD

Approximately 150 currently contracted chiropractors have not responded to Regence BlueShield regarding the changes initiated by SSB 5597. If you are a contracted provider and you have not been in touch with Regence to identify your contracting status as a TIN and you have not received a new clinic agreement, you may not be allowed to treat Regence patients effective 1/1/2008. It is critical that you respond to the notices sent to you in October. For those who have responded and have returned correctly filled out clinic agreements, Regence BlueShield is in the process of getting those contracts properly ratified. If you need additional information check the WSCA website at www.chirohealth.org, or contact your provider relations representative at Regence directly. **DO NOT DELAY!**

PROVIDER CONTRACT CHANGES WITH GROUP HEALTH COOPERATIVE

Group Health Cooperative is complying with SSB 5597 in the following manner:

Chiropractors who wish to add another chiropractor to the provider network working in their clinic should submit a letter of intent to:

HEALTHWAYS WHOLEHEALTH
4464 Fremont Avenue North, #210
Seattle, WA 98103
Fax 206-547-4546

The following information **MUST** be included in the letter:

- The providers TIN (Tax Identification Number); and
- The current business entity (i.e. general partnership, professional service corporation, and professional limited liability companies).
- The clinic location

If you have questions you can call 206-547-0195 X 103

Remember, the legislation passed is not an “any willing provider” law. The legislation is intended to provide continuity of care to patients where chiropractors who are practicing in the same clinic were not on the same provider panels, which created confusion and inconsistency in patient care.

OTHER COMMENTS FROM WSCA

Due to a discussion with Regence BlueShield regarding the receipt of W-9 forms, we have learned that some chiropractors have submitted W-9 forms that are not completely accurate which is causing a delay in processing of the new provider contracts initiated by SSB 5597.

Chiropractors should be in touch with their accountant or lawyer to be sure that the forms you are submitting to any entity that requests your W-9 have the proper information required by the Federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS). It is critical that your tax documents are correct, and that they match those filed with the IRS, otherwise they carry a fine from the IR to you.