Introduction

Q. **What is the Diabetes Quality Incentive Program?**
A. Paramount’s Diabetes Quality Incentive Program focuses on four key aspects of diabetes care; B/P Control, HbA1c Control, Nephropathy monitoring / treatment and retinal eye exams.

Eligibility

Q. **What Paramount members does the program include?**
A. Members of all Paramount product lines, diagnosed with diabetes, who are age 18 years – 75 years and are enrolled at the end of the measurement year 2015.

Q. **What providers are eligible to participate in the program?**
A. **Primary Care Providers** are eligible to participate in the program.

Q. **Does a provider need to register to participate in the program?**
A. No, all participating PCPs are automatically eligible to participate.

Performance Measures

Q. **What are the 2015 diabetes control performance measures?**
A. The four control measures for the 2015 year are as follows:

1. **A1C < 8.0%**
2. **Blood Pressure**
   - Systolic < 140
   - Diastolic < 90
3. **Nephrology Monitoring**
   - Urine microalbumin test, ACE or ARB therapy if hypertensive, or nephrology visit
4. **Dilated Eye Exam**

Challenge Period

Q. **When is the challenge period?**
A. The program covers service dates for the current calendar year starting **January 1, 2015** through **December 31, 2015**.

Participating in the Program

Q. **How do I participate in the program?**
A. Visit the Paramount website [www.paramounthealthcare.com](http://www.paramounthealthcare.com) **Providers / Incentive Programs / Diabetes Quality Incentive** to read more about the program. There you will find this document and others referenced in this Q & A. New or newly diagnosed patients may be added throughout the year.
**Q. How will Paramount determine diabetes control for a member?**

A. We are not looking for diagnosis codes. We cannot accept faxed proof of testing/ results/ office notes.

- Control of A1c and BP is determined by Category II CPT Codes* submitted through provider billing. These take an extra step for the biller/ coder
- Nephrology and Dilated Eye Exam are found through processed claims.

*Category II CPT Codes – a set of supplemental tracking codes that can be used for performance measurement. (Source: CPT Standard Edition)

**CONTROL CRITERIA**
(Lab must be performed in 2015)

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<td>3044F</td>
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PARAMOUNT WILL DETERMINE IF MEMBER MEETS CONTROL CRITERIA

**Q. How do I submit the Category II CPT Codes for the A1C and Blood Pressure Control?**

A. Please bill the appropriate Category II CPT Code on the CMS 1500 Claim Form - or - per your usual Paramount claim submission processes. Paramount prefers that the provider submit the lab date when reporting Category II CPT Codes for lab results. CPT II Codes for BP should accompany an office visit claim.

**Q. Where can my biller/ coder find the Category II CPT Codes?**

A. CPT II Codes are found in the “Current Procedural Terminology” manual. Specifically, the chapter after Evaluation and Management.

**Incentive**

**Q. What is the incentive for participating in the program?**

A. $200 – if all four measure criteria are met per patient for measurement year 2015

**Q. How frequently and when will the reward be paid?**

A. The reward will be paid once per measurement year. The reward will be paid early 2016 to allow for claims processing.

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