



Electronic Payment Notification

Information for EBMS Clients:

The purpose of this notification is to inform you of our plan to implement and comply with Section 1104 of the Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act of 2010 (PPACA). Section 1104 requires the replacement and transfer of traditional paper checks and EOBs into an electronic format for health plan providers by January 1, 2014. As you may know, we currently print our checks and EOBs through a contracted third party.

At this time, we are pleased to announce that we have completed the construction phase of the systems required for compliance and have contracted with Pay-Plus® Solutions, Inc. (PPS) to facilitate the delivery of electronic payments and data transfer for provider payments, only.

This process also will afford providers options for the receipt of payment and data that is best suited for their practice management systems.

Some of the benefits of electronic payments and EOB's are:

- Fully secure and HIPAA compliant systems and software.
- No checks are sent through the postal system where they can be lost or stolen.
- Providers may import payment data into their accounting systems for more accurate posting.
- Fewer checks being cleared can mean lower bank fees.
- Costs associated with paper, printing and postage are eliminated.

PPS offers providers the choice of *three options for receiving electronic payments*, two of which post payments via MasterCard, and one through Pay-Plus® Solutions' private network. Until fully mandated by PPACA, providers will have the option to "opt-out" of electronic payment and receive checks.

There will be minimal changes to the current process.

- You will authorize release and receive the same check register just as you do, today,
- When you notify us to release a register, we approve the file and direct the funds from your bank account into a Payee Trust Account, held at UMB Bank, used to pay the providers who have agreed to accept one of the three payment methods.
 - Remaining checks and EOBs are forwarded to the current check printer for printing and mailing.
 - You will receive a report showing ePayments and checks for reconciliation purposes.

If you have any questions, please call your dedicated EBMS Account Executive.

Sincerely,

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