

To: All Practitioners, Providers, Members and Employees

From: Chicago Health System, Oak West PPA, West Suburban PHO

Date: 02/15/18

RE: UM Affirmation for HMO Illinois, BlueAdvantage HMO, Blue Precision HMO

At **Chicago Health System, Oak West PPA, West Suburban PHO** we affirm that:

1. UM decisions are based on medical necessity, which includes appropriateness of care and services, and the existence of available benefits;
2. this organization does not specifically reward practitioners, health plan staff, or other individuals for issuing denials of coverage, care or service; and;
3. incentive programs are not utilized to encourage decisions that result in under-utilization.

Chicago Health System, Oak West PPA, West Suburban PHO also affirms that there is no conflict of interest between the IPA and their UM decision makers.