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Sunflower Health Plan to offer value-based payments to CPPA-accredited pharmacies

LENEXA, Kan. (August 5, 2016) — Sunflower Health Plan, a managed care organization and subsidiary of Centene Corporation, has announced an enhanced, value-based payment on each claim from network pharmacies accredited by the Center for Pharmacy Practice Accreditation (CPPA).

“This innovative payment model demonstrates that Sunflower Health Plan is committed to providing outstanding pharmacy care for its members in Kansas. Sunflower values partnering with pharmacies that have achieved recognition for providing high quality patient care services that improve health outcomes and contribute to lower health care costs,” said Chris Coffey, Plan President & Chief Executive Officer.

CPPA provides a standardized method for recognizing innovation and empowering pharmacists to practice at a higher level. The CPPA accreditation process focuses on medication safety and effectiveness, continuous quality improvement and desired patient health outcomes. The mission of CPPA is to serve the public health by raising the level of pharmacy-delivered patient care services through accreditation. CPPA’s accreditation programs are consultative in nature, where best practices are shared with applicants in order to elevate the level of practice and push quality services forward.

“Sunflower is pleased to recognize network pharmacy providers that have proven their commitment to quality improvement and patient care services by providing an enhanced professional fee on every pharmacy claim paid to pharmacies that have reached accreditation with CPPA. The CPPA accreditation requires pharmacies to demonstrate proficiencies in areas of pharmacy practice that are in line with Sunflower’s vision of obtaining the highest quality healthcare services for our members,” said Jonalan Smith, Sunflower’s Vice President of Pharmacy Services.

Pharmacies in the Sunflower Health Plan network have received resources about the value-based payment program and the CPPA accreditation process.

“Sunflower Health Plan is the first plan in the nation to create an incentive for their network pharmacy practices to become CPPA accredited,” said Lynnae Mahaney, CPPA Executive Director. “Sunflower recognizes that network pharmacies achieving CPPA accreditation will have relevant and measurable evidence that demonstrates the value their pharmacists, staff and services contribute to patient
outcomes. We’re pleased that the health plan will be rewarding its network pharmacies for investing in CPPA accreditation that will lead to higher levels of pharmacy-delivered patient care services.”

Sunflower Health Plan’s CPPA Accreditation How-To Guide for Pharmacies has been published online and announced to the plan’s pharmacy network.

For information about the CPPA accreditation process, including standards, a self-assessment tool and application materials, visit www.pharmacypracticeaccredit.org.

About Sunflower Health Plan

Sunflower Health Plan, a subsidiary of Centene, is a managed care organization established to deliver quality healthcare in the state of Kansas through local, regional and community-based resources. Sunflower is committed to improving the health of its beneficiaries through focused, compassionate and coordinated care in an approach based on the core belief that quality healthcare is best delivered locally. For more information, please visit www.sunflowerhealthplan.com.

About CPPA

The Center for Pharmacy Practice Accreditation (CPPA) is a nonprofit organization established in 2012 through a partnership of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP), and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) to recognize pharmacy practices for providing patient care services that improve health outcomes and contribute to lower health care costs. The CPPA mission, unique among accreditors, is to raise the level of pharmacy-delivered patient care services through accreditation and, thus, serve the public health. These three organizations saw a need to establish standards to meet the public’s need for specific, predictable, and measurable pharmacist clinical services across the medication use continuum. For more information, visit: www.pharmacypracticeaccredit.org.

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