

# XiMED Bulletin

## December 2013

### **CMS Bundled Payments**

XiMED has taken an important step towards becoming a Phase I provider under a new program from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMS). The Bundled Payments for Care Improvement (BPCI) program is a new initiative aimed at reducing the total cost of care for 179 separate Medicare DRGs. The bundled payments will include all Physician services, Inpatient Admits, SNF, Re-Admits, Outpatient, and Home Healthcare services. XiMED will be partnering with Remedy BPCI Partners, LLC who has been selected as a CMS contractor and has extensive experience with bundled payments programs. We are excited about participating in this program and look forward to working collaboratively with Remedy Partners.

### **XiMED IPA enters the risk business and finds multiple new business opportunities**

XiMED IPA will officially enter into the capitation/risk business in 2014 under a new contract with the San Diego Teachers Group known as VEBA. XiMED and Scripps will be partnering under this agreement, with each entity being at risk for their specific areas of responsibility. Capitation arrangements, while new to XiMED, are going to be a part of the commercial insurance market for the foreseeable future and our intent is to be a participating organization in both the HMO and PPO lines of business.

We are excited to announce that XiMED IPA has entered into an exclusive new agreement with the Key Family of Companies (Key Benefits Administrators, American Health Data Institute, Accountable Care Solutions Group, Pinpoint and RGI). This new contract is focused on the self-funded, small group marketplace and will provide a provider network to those businesses that wish to provide healthcare to their employees in an integrated healthcare management system.

We have also been negotiating with several large employee groups that want to add XiMED IPA to their PPO networks for 2014. These new groups, who are contracting with XiMED for the first time, should add substantial new patient volume.

### **XiCARE Health Benefits to be rated as a Group by Anthem**

The health insurance program for XiMED physicians, known as XiCARE, gets an unexpected benefit from the recent delays to the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Due to the government push backs in the group enrollment mandates, Anthem will now be able to price the total membership premium of XiCARE as a large group, as opposed to the individual ratings that currently are in force. More information about the new group enrollment will be sent out by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year.

### **New Website**

A new XiMED website is in production and will be ready by year end. The changes will result in a new layout, enhanced visuals, interactive videos, a more responsive design, scalable web pages on multiple devices, improved graphics, and new wire-frame site architecture all aimed at enhancing the user experience.