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Physicians Continue to Fight in Court to Correct Unfair Practices by DHHS

Part of an SGR bill recently passed in Congress, might give more leverage to a $3.2 billion lawsuit filed against the Dept. of Health and Human Services (DHHS) by several physicians and seven California Counties, including San Diego,, accusing the agency of Medicare underpayments to physi…

THREE QUESTIONS: Dr. Richard Brown

Richard Brown, MD, is a board-certified orthopedic surgeon with Torrey Pines Orthopaedic Medical Group and member of XIMED's Board of Directors. Dr. Brown agreed to be interviewed for a quick question-and-answer session.

Anthem BlueCross

March 31, 2014

[Provider Name]
[Address]
[City, State] [Zip Code]

Dear Prudent Buyer Physician:

Thank you for participating in our provider networks that support our health benefit plans offered through Covered California, our state's Health Benefit Exchange.

Enclosed is an addendum to your Anthem Blue Cross Prudent Buyer Plan Participating Physician Agreement containing new regulatory requirements of the Affordable Care Act and certain provisions referenced in Blue Cross' contract with Covered California that applies to providers.

This addendum applies to services to Covered California Exchange Members and is effective July 1, 2014.

Contract Addendum Has Anthem Opt-Out Deadline Approaching Fast

Due to a recent contract addendum containing new regulatory requirements, over 11,000 practices that are currently participating in the Anthem Blue Cross individual/exchange network have a limited time to opt out of the exchange without affecting the underlying Prudent Buyer PPO contract.…

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