

To: All Practitioners, Providers, Members and Employees

From: Loyola Medicine Population Health / Chicago Health System and West Suburban PHO

Date: 02/15/2019

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

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At **Loyola Medicine Population Health / Chicago Health System and 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.

**Loyola Medicine Population Health / Chicago Health System and West Suburban PHO** also affirms that there is no conflict of interest between the IPA and their UM decision makers.