

UnitedHealthcare of the Mid-Atlantic Offering New Benefit Plan to the District of Columbia Government Employees

Dear Physician, Practice Administrator or Other Valued Health Care Professional:

The District of Columbia Government is offering a new selection of health care benefit plans to its employees, effective Jan. 1, 2012.

What's changing:

- UnitedHealthcare of the Mid-Atlantic will offer the UnitedHealthcare Choice product to employees of the District of Columbia Government. This plan allows patients to choose any participating physician or health care professional from a nationwide network without a referral and without designating a primary care physician.
- UnitedHealthcare of the Mid-Atlantic will no longer offer M.D. IPA HMO and M.D. IPA Preferred plans to the District of Columbia Government employees. Employees currently enrolled in these plans will be automatically enrolled in UnitedHealthcare Choice if they don't elect another plan.
- The District of Columbia Government is eliminating some benefit plans offered by other insurance carriers. Employees that are currently enrolled in those plans must select a new benefit plan.

What this means for you:

- If you are currently providing health care services to District of Columbia Government employees who were previously enrolled in other benefit plans, **we hope you will continue to provide these services if they select UnitedHealthcare Choice.**
- If you receive phone calls from the District of Columbia Government employees, or your patients have questions regarding your participation, **please assure them that you participate in the UnitedHealthcare Choice network and that you will continue to provide health care services to them.**
- If your patients have any questions about the District of Columbia Government Employee Benefit Plans, please direct them to the DCHR Benefits Office at 202-442-9700.

Thank you in advance for your assistance as we transition the District of Columbia Government employees to their new benefit plans. Please feel free to contact me at 571-262-2267 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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