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TO: Managed Care Organizations

FROM: Charissa Fotinos, Deputy Chief Medical Officer

SUBJECT: Clinical Data Repository (CDR) notice to small providers

To our valued partners,

The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) established the following requirements in section 7.11.4 of the Medicaid Managed Health Contracts (effective October 1, 2015):

When subcontracted provider organizations with certified Electronic Health Records systems (EHRs) see an Apple Health Managed Care (Medicaid) enrollee, they must send a care summary compatible with the Consolidated Clinical Document Architecture (CCDA) from their EHR to HCA’s CDR. This requirement was effective February 1, 2017. This information may also be referenced here: https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/program/provider-requirements-letter.pdf

The CDR is HCA’s secure, cloud-based database allowing disparate providers to share health information on Washington’s Medicaid population. This investment in technology intends to improve patient experiences, improve provider experiences, improve population health and enable smarter spending. To date many providers have successfully transmitted care summary information to the CDR and the numbers continue to climb. About 600,000 of the roughly 2 million Apple Health enrollees have care summary data associated to their records.

HCA is aware of concerns from numerous stakeholders over issues preventing transmission of health information to the CDR. To help mitigate some of these issues and give smaller providers time to comply, HCA will extend the CDR requirement date from February 1, 2017 to July 1, 2019 for organizations with less than 4 providers. This extension is effective as of the date of this notice.

Thank you for continuing to support our Medicaid population and for partnering with us on improving overall population health through technology. HCA urges providers to use this time of reprieve to continue working toward compliance and extends its expertise to help. Please direct questions and concerns to HCA at 360-725-1514 or healthit@hca.wa.gov.

Cc: Shaun M Wilhelm, State Health Information Technology Coordinator