Newsletter

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Illinois ADVANCE

WELCOMING DR. MARIA ISABEL ANGULO AS OUR NEW MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR MEDICAID SERVICES

We are excited to welcome Dr. Maria Isabel Angulo as our newest Medical Director. A primary care physician and assistant professor at UI Health and the University of Illinois Chicago College of Medicine (UIC COM), Dr. Angulo brings a strong background in leadership, education, and patient care. She earned her medical degree and completed her Internal Medicine residency at UIC, and she currently serves in multiple leadership roles, including Clinical Site Director for UIH's Internal Medicine clerkship and Associate Program Director for the Pediatrics residency program.

Dr. Angulo is passionate about clinical excellence and healthcare access, which inspired her to join as one of the Medical Directors for the Illinois Medicaid Services group.

Fostering Innovation and Best Practices

Dr. Angulo is committed to keeping our organization at the forefront of medical innovation by promoting continuous education and training. Her focus is on maintaining a patient-centered approach, combining evidence-based practices with patient needs. She emphasizes collaboration across teams and departments to drive better outcomes and ensure our care is always aligned with the latest research and guidelines.

Staying Compliant in a Changing Landscape

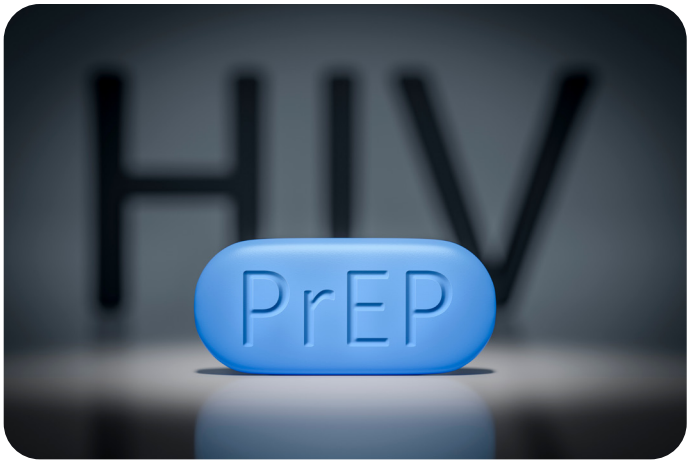
Dr. Angulo is proactive in ensuring regulatory compliance, working closely with compliance officers, and staying up to date on healthcare policy changes. She is dedicated to building partnerships with other Medicaid programs to share best practices and innovative ideas that enhance care delivery.

We look forward to Dr. Angulo's leadership and the positive impact she will bring. Please join us in welcoming her to our team!

CMS EXPANDS MEDICARE COVERAGE FOR HIV PREP STARTING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will begin covering HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) as a preventive service under Medicare starting September 30, 2024. This coverage will apply to beneficiaries with Medicare Part A or Part B.

The expanded coverage includes antiretroviral medications for PrEP, along with up to eight counseling sessions per year focused on HIV risk assessment, risk reduction, and medication adherence. Additionally, beneficiaries can receive up to eight HIV screenings annually, as well as a one-time hepatitis B screening. Providers should use ICD-10 codes Z29.81 for PrEP visits and Z11.4 for HIV screenings when billing.



This initiative is aimed at increasing access to HIV prevention and reducing transmission rates. For more information and billing details, visit the CMS website here.

To learn more about prescribing PrEP, schedule a visit with Illinois ADVANCE!