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

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.