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Dear VHCURES Submitters:

The National Claims Data Management System (NCDMS), now known as Onpoint CDM (Claims Data Manager), data collection contractor for the State of Vermont, will be implementing a system upgrade to be effective November 1, 2009. Part of this upgrade includes the addition of a new eligibility data element for VHCURES, **ME032-Insured Group Name**. The addition of this data element will allow a consistent data submission format to be in place with Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont and should greatly simplify administrative overhead for health plans doing business in any or all of these states.

VHCURES is currently using ME031-Special Coverage to accommodate efficient submission of insured group name and to flag members attributed to the Vermont Blueprint Medical Home Pilots. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont including The Vermont Health Plan, CIGNA and MVP Health Plan are currently the only commercial insurers participating in the Blueprint medical home program.

Insurers participating in the Blueprint medical home program will continue to flag members attributed to the Blueprint Pilots in ME031 as follows:

- With *2* to designate member attribution to the Blueprint Medical Home Pilot or;
- With *1* to designate no Blueprint Home Pilot attribution of the member.

All other insurers submitting data to VHCURES are to populate ME031,

- With *0* to designate information is not available due to non-participation in the Blueprint.

ME032-Insured Group Name will be a text field with a maximum length of 100 characters and will have a required start date of January 2010. Insured group name is to be populated by all insurers as follows:

- * Actual insured group name for all group policies;
- * The word IND for individual or non-group policies;
- * The word BLANK if group name information is not available.

We are requesting all VHCURES submitters to begin using the new submission format when the test system becomes available during the first week of November. Onpoint CDM staff will notify you when the system is available for use.

Please notify us as soon as possible at vtdata@onpointcdm.org if you would like to participate in a teleconference sponsored by Onpoint CDM staff to discuss the transition to the system upgrade.

On behalf of the State of Vermont, we appreciate your continuing efforts to meet the reporting requirements of the VHCURES program.

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