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**Important Reminder:**  
**We Need CPT II Codes for  
Hypertension Care & Hemoglobin A1c Tests**

We are in the process of notifying providers who deliver care to our BlueMedicare<sup>SM</sup> Medicare Advantage HMO and PPO members of our need for current procedural terminology (CPT) II codes for hypertension care and hemoglobin A1c tests. We need this information for our Quality programs, including Medicare Stars.

When we identify claims that are missing CPT II codes associated with a hypertension diagnosis or hemoglobin A1c test, we will send the member's provider a request for this missing information. Requests to providers will be sent each quarter.

Additionally, we will notify providers of their BlueMedicare patients who, according to our claims data, had an *elevated blood pressure reading exceeding 140/90* as their last reading of the year. Providers will be asked to follow up with their patients for blood pressure rechecks and to consider medication adjustments, if it makes sense, in an effort to help them maintain a target BP reading under 139/89.

Thank you for remembering to provide us with appropriate CPT II codes.