



1901 Las Vegas Blvd. So.
Suite 101
Las Vegas, Nevada 89104-1309
(702) 892-7313
www.culinaryhealthfund.org

May 18, 2010

Dear Valued Culinary Provider:

The Fund's Hospitalist Program was established to promote a team approach to Culinary participant's care while in an acute hospital setting. In support of this goal the Fund has restructured the guidelines of the program for Culinary participants admitted to acute and sub acute settings.

Effective June 15, 2010, *all* Culinary patients admitted to an acute or sub acute facility will be assigned a Fund contracted hospitalist as their attending provider. If Internal Medicine services are required for elective admitted cases by specialists a Fund contracted hospitalist must be consulted. The designated hospitalist will serve as the attending physician on all inpatient cases and will be responsible for the patients care throughout their hospital stay. Primary care physicians are still encouraged to see their established patients in the hospital, however please note that all management for inpatient care will be the sole responsibility of the Fund's hospitalist provider.

Again, the Fund encourages contracted primary care physicians to visit their established patients while hospitalized; however the reimbursement will be based on a specific CPT code as a result of the above changes to the program. If you choose to follow your established patients in the acute setting please submit the following CPT code for reimbursement:

CPT Code - 99231

If there is concern with a particular case please contact Physician Services at 702-892-7313 and a call with a Fund Medical Director will be coordinated.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact the Provider Services Hotline at 702-892-7313.

Sincerely,

Shelli Lara
Director, Healthcare Delivery