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Dear Provider;

The H.E.R.E.I.U. Fund (Culinary Health Fund) will be implementing a mandatory Hospitalist Program for its participants effective June 1, 2008. As a result of this benefit change, a decision was made to limit the number of hospitalist providers providing inpatient services to Fund participants.

The goal of this program is to ensure consistency of coverage and services within each of our contracted facilities with the patient's care being monitored by a team consisting of the Fund's UR Nurses, Case Managers, and a PPO hospitalist provider.

In order to provide continuity of care to the Fund's participants, the Hospitalist Program applies to services rendered in the following facilities: acute inpatient, long term acute care, skilled nursing and inpatient rehabilitation.

For Fund participants that are admitted into your facility and require services by an Internal Medicine, General Practice, or Family Practice provider please contact one of the following groups:

- Internal Medicine Specialists of Las Vegas (702-588-7373)
- IPC (702-380-1992)
- Pioneer Healthcare (702-791-1219)
- University School of Medicine (702-374-9266)
- Vegas Valley Primary Care (702-791-1326)
- Zenith Hospitalists (702-464-7878)

Please note that patients whose Primary Care Physicians (PCPS) choose to manage their hospital care are excluded from the Hospitalist program.

We thank you for the care you provide to our participants and appreciate your cooperation as we transition into this new program.

Sincerely,

Shelli Lara