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RE: Provider Ownership Disclosure Requirements

This health plan advisory is being issued to notify the Heritage Health plans and dental benefits manager (DBM) of changes to contractual obligations for the collection of provider ownership and control interest disclosures.

With the enactment of the 21st Century Cures Act (Cures Act), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has provided guidance to states to ensure compliance with 42 CFR 455.104(a-b). This guidance directs state Medicaid programs to ensure that the state limits the delegation of the collection of ownership and control interest disclosures from Medicaid-enrolled providers to a single entity. For the Nebraska Medicaid program, the responsibility to collect provider disclosures is delegated to the state's provider enrollment contractor, Maximus.

Section IV.I.13.i of the Heritage Health contract includes provisions that require Heritage Health plans to also collect ownership and control interest disclosures from providers.

Section IV.O.1.h of the DBM contract includes provisions that relate to the DBM's responsibility for adhering to provider ownership and control interest disclosures requirements.

In compliance with the Cures Act and CMS guidance, effective immediately, Heritage Health plans and the DBM are no longer required to collect ownership and control interest disclosures from Nebraska Medicaid enrolled providers as detailed in Section IV.I.13.i of the Heritage Health contract and Section IV.O.1.h of the DBM contract.

If you have questions regarding this bulletin, please contact Todd Baustert at 402-471-5224, or via email at: DHHS.HeritageHealth@nebraska.gov. Health plans should also copy their contract manager.

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