

IPHA HIV Third-Party Billing Project

The HIV Third-Party Billing Project is an initiative funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) to build and maintain capacity and momentum for third-party billing and reimbursement for routine HIV screening by Health Care Providers, Local Health Departments, and Community-Based Organizations. Due to decreases in federal funding, third-party billing for comprehensive routine HIV testing and related services is now more critical than ever. Passage of the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid expansion in Illinois have increased the number of Illinois residents who are eligible to receive preventive services such as HIV routine testing.

❖ *Objective #1*

- In 2016, the project was expected to credential and contract 3 local health departments (LHDs) and 3 healthcare providers (HCPs) with health plans for third-party billing of routine HIV testing services.

✓ **Results-** 5 Local health Departments and 4 Healthcare Providers were credentialed and contracted with third-party payers for billing HIV testing and related services.

❖ *Objective #2*

- In 2016, the project was expected to credential and contract 3 local health departments (LHDs) and 3 healthcare providers (HCPs) for third-party billing with Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCOs).

✓ **Results-** 14 Local health Departments and 4 Healthcare Providers were credentialed and contracted with MCOs.

❖ *Objective #3*

- In 2016, the project was expected to implement an electronic health record (EHR) and/or a revenue cycle management (RCM) system with 5 local health departments (LHDs) and/or healthcare providers (HCPs).

✓ **Results-** 10 Local Health Departments and 1 Healthcare Provider have implemented an EHR/RCM system

❖ *HIV Third-Party Billing Capacity-Building Webinars:*

- In 2016, the project offered six capacity-building webinars to local health departments (LHDs) and healthcare providers (HCPs) to increase their competency in third-party billing concepts, such as contracting/credentialing, billing/coding, and revenue cycle management/electronic medical records implementation.

❖ *Regional Meetings to Demonstrate a Revenue Cycle Management/EHR System:*

- In 2016, the project offered three in-person capacity-building demonstrations to local health departments (LHDs) and healthcare providers (HCPs) of a revenue cycle management/electronic health records system.

❖ *Technical Assistance E-mail Address: Insurancebilling@ipha.com*

- In 2016, the project offered a technical assistance e-mail address to local health departments (LHDs) and healthcare providers (HCPs) that has assisted providers with technical assistance inquiries and questions related to third-party billing for HIV services.

❖ *Stakeholder Advisory Group Meetings*

- In July 2016, the project team combined the members from the IPHA Immunization Billing Project and the Routine HIV Testing Third-Party Billing Project into one Stakeholder Advisory Group, as there was so much overlap between the projects and this would save project sites time and travel money in attending just one quarterly meeting.

❖ *HIV Third-Party Billing and Coding White Papers*

- A two-part white paper series regarding best practices in HIV billing and HIV coding was also developed by the project team at the end of the 2016 grant period. These white papers are a final capacity-building resource available to health departments and healthcare organizations looking to begin billing and coding for HIV services.



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