

# Public Health Billing

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Welcome to the premier issue of IPHA's **Third-Party Billing Digest!** This new monthly newsletter will provide timely and helpful information about all aspects of third-party billing and revenue cycle management (RCM). This publication is produced through IPHA's Third-Party Billing Project, funded by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

IPHA has been awarded a contract by IDPH to assist local health departments (LHDs), community-based organizations (CBOs), and other healthcare providers to build and enhance their capacity to bill Medicaid, Medicare, and private insurance for health care services. The goal of this project is to develop, or enhance, third-party billing capacity through infrastructure development and technical assistance.

One of the primary goals of this project is to expand the use of Electronic Health Records (EHR) by LHDs and CBOs. To help achieve this, project funds are available to qualified health care providers for the implementation of an EHR with a comprehensive billing and RCM program. These funds will cover most, if not all, of the costs associated with implementation and training for most organizations.

This is an extraordinary opportunity for providers that do not currently have an EHR. To qualify for the funding, all health care providers funded by this project must provide and bill for HIV and/or STI services. If your organization does not currently provide or bill for HIV and/or STI services, you may still qualify. IPHA's HIV/STI prevention staff will provide guidance and assistance to help you implement these services at your facility.

Another primary goal of this project is to provide a compendium of training and educational resources on all aspects of RCM, particularly for LHDs and CBOs. IPHA will be providing a comprehensive series of webinars, trainings, billing guides, and white papers, all of which will be accessible to any agency, regardless of their participation in this project.

In addition to these resources, each month we will highlight information and tools that are available from other organizations, such as HFS, IAMHP, AMA, CDC, NASTAD, various private payers, and more. IPHA will also provide bulletins, on an as-needed basis, to alert you of urgent issues that may impact your billing and revenue.

To learn more about this program, please see the flyer below. To find out if your organization qualifies for funding, please contact Philip Talley, IPHA Program Manager, at 217-522-5687 or [insurancebilling@ipha.com](mailto:insurancebilling@ipha.com).

# Helping Health Care Providers **Maximize Revenue** from Third-Party Billing



The Illinois Public Health Association is helping healthcare providers, including local health departments and community-based organizations, implement **ALL components of healthcare billing and revenue cycle management. Including:**

-  Credentialing
-  Contracting
-  Scheduling and Eligibility Verification
-  Coding
-  Billing
-  Implementing electronic health records

IPHA's Third-Party Billing program provides training, technical assistance, and resources to help build and enhance your third-party billing capacity.

IPHA's Third-Party Billing Project has been nationally recognized by the **CDC** as a **Billing Project Success Story**. Let us help you achieve **YOUR** Billing Success Story!



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Grant funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health is **available now** to help providers start this process.



Scan here to speak directly with an IPHA representative or email us at [insurancebilling@ipha.com](mailto:insurancebilling@ipha.com)

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If you ever have any questions or need any advice, don't hesitate to touch base with me.

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