

## **Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Grouping**

Effective January 1, 2015, HMOs, including Independent Care Health Plan (*iCare*), are required to implement Enhanced Ambulatory Patient Grouping (EAPG) pricing for hospital outpatient claims. Claims subject to EAPG pricing include outpatient hospital services submitted by Medicaid-enrolled hospitals, including critical access and acute care hospitals.

*iCare* has been engaged in implementing this payment change and is using its best efforts to assure that these claims will process at the correct rates. We have recently encountered significant issues in testing and validation using the State testing environment. We are reluctantly delaying the implementation until we have confidence that claims will process at the correct rate. Claims subject to the EAPG pricing with dates of service January 1, 2015 and later are pending until this issue is resolved.

*iCare* regrets the inconvenience caused by this delay in payment. In addition, *iCare* will provide updates to the *iCare* website bi-weekly to keep providers informed of the progress to implement the pricer.

Please view the updates at [www.icare-wi/providers](http://www.icare-wi/providers)