# Third Party Payer REFERENCE GUIDE



### All HIP Plus members are required to pay a monthly POWER Account Contribution (PAC).

These payment amounts are set by the State and range from \$1 to \$20 per month. A PAC can be paid by the member or someone else on their behalf (known as a Third Party Payer).

#### **Getting Started**

To become a Third Party Payer, you will need to inform MHS that your office would like to participate in Third Party Payments (TPP). You can do this through your Provider Partnership Associate or by calling MHS Provider Services at 1-877-647-4848.

Each month MHS will send you a list of members that are already on or are eligible for HIP Plus. Please compare the report to who you have on your panel. Then send back any members in question for confirmation.

You must have at least verbal permission from your patient(s) in order to make payments on their behalf. You will add your patient(s) to the TPP Authorization form, found on mhsindiana.com, along with the amount being paid for each patient. The authorization form will tell MHS that you have spoken with your patient(s) and they agree to allow you to make payment(s) on their behalf.

#### **Making Payments**

Payments may be made online at mhsindiana.com using the "Quick Pay" option or by mailing in a check.

When using "Quick Pay," under merchant agreement please select "Centene MHS other." The selection will help keep track of who made the payment. When mailing in a check please be sure to include: patient's name, RID, and amount being paid. If one check is covering payment for more than one member, please include all information for each patient. Checks should be mailed to the following address:

MHS HIP Billing **429** N. **Pennsylvania** Street, Suite **109** Indianapolis, IN 46204

## Important Things to Remember

- ➤ All past due balances must be paid in full before starting TPP. For example: If your patient has a \$20 PAC payment that is past due and you make a \$60 payment to cover three months of future coverage, the \$20 balance will be taken from the \$60 payment. You would have only covered two months of coverage.
- ► MHS does not control the status of patients' coverage and/or monthly PAC amounts.



#### **Questions?**

Contact MHS Provider Services at 1-877-647-4848.





#### **Additional Information to Know**

- Employers, non-profits and other non-members can make some or all of a member's POWER Account contribution.
- Contributions can be made monthly or as a lump-sum payment that will be credited on a month-to-month basis.
- Anyone paying on a member's behalf needs to complete the Employer, Non-Profit or Non-Member Payer form found online at mhsindiana.com.
- All Third Party Payers are given 60 days to make a PAC payment on the member's account.
- Although a Third Party is making a payment, an invoice will still be sent to the member to show if the account is being paid or not. If member believes the Third Party Payer has not paid MHS, the member must first contact the payer before contacting MHS to make a payment.
- Members are responsible for the entire amount due, including any amount that the Third Party payer may fail to pay.
- Members may be given an additional 60 days to pay if the Third Party payer failed to make their payment.

