Notice Regarding Alternative Means of Communication for Claim-Related Information For Advocate Physician Partners Providers

Magellan Healthcare complies with Illinois insurance law¹ with regard to a member's right to request that claim or billing information be provided by alternative means or at alternative locations. "Claim-related information" means all claim or billing information related specifically to an insured member, subscriber, or person covered by an individual or group policy of accident and health insurance in the state.

Specifically, if an Advocate Physician Partners' member clearly states that disclosure of specific claim-related information could endanger him or her, Magellan will make a reasonable and good faith effort to provide the information to the member at an alternate address, telephone number, or other method of contact.

Magellan will accommodate written requests, which must: state that disclosure of claim-related information could endanger the member or child; specify the claim-related information to which the request pertains; and specify the alternative address, telephone number or other method of contact. The member is not required to provide an explanation or justification for the request. The member may revoke the request, in writing, at any time.

Advocate Physician Partners' members may contact Magellan to request alternative means of receiving claim-related information or to revoke a prior request by writing to us at:

Magellan Healthcare Attention: Privacy Office P.O. Box 1926 Maryland Heights, MO 63043 Fax: 1-888-656-5034

If you or someone you know is a victim of domestic violence, you should know that domestic violence programs are located throughout Illinois to provide safety assistance. Call the Domestic Violence Hotline at **1-877-TOENDDV** or **1-877-863-6338** (voice) or **1-877-863-6339** (TTY) and visit the Domestic Violence Victim Services page² of the Illinois Department of Human Services' website at <u>http://www.dhs.state.il.us</u> under *For Customers, Services by Division, Family and Community Services* for more information.

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1) 215 ILCS 5/355b

2) <u>http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=30275</u>

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