

# Magellan Compliance Notebook

## June, 2014

Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc. (Magellan) strives on being proactive and using education as a preventative tool to provide our members the highest quality of care through you, the provider.

The Quality Improvement and Compliance Departments at Magellan have committed to sending monthly e-mails to targeted providers on a Compliance related subject. This month, we'd like to share two recent Policy Clarifications on payment for diagnostic laboratory services.

On 4/30/14, DPW OMHSAS issued a memo to reinforce Policy Clarification# 01-14-01, which was originally issued on 2/11/14. The purpose was to remind Outpatient Narcotic Treatment Programs and Laboratory providers that it is against Medicaid regulations to bill separately for diagnostic laboratory services that are used to detect a patient's use of substances. The current payment regulation states that services used to detect a patient's use of drugs are included in the clinic visit fee.

As the original PC indicates, this applies to both the HealthChoices and Fee-For-Service delivery programs.

Magellan will monitor for provider compliance with this regulation during routine and targeted audits as well as internal data mining activities.

At Magellan, we will continue to educate our providers with updated MA Bulletins, Regulations and other pertinent information in order to ensure Compliance. Our members are our utmost priority and together, we can provide quality services through education, knowledge, and being a proactive advocate for our member population.

Thank you for your ongoing hard work and dedication to our members!

Magellan of Pennsylvania's Compliance Team

☎ 215-504-3967 or 610-814-8009 | 📠 866-667-7744

magellanofpa.com

**Magellan**  
HEALTHCARE

