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UHC PAC - Why It's Called an Undertaking: Phase 2 by Kimble Ross, CMS Consultant (Reprint from Colorado Medicine)

This experiment—which the [commissioner's order](#) unfortunately described as an undertaking—is the only one of its kind in the country. Colorado, to the envy of many state medical associations, has UnitedHealthcare (UHC) under the direct supervision of the commissioner of insurance who requires them to meet regularly with CMS. UHC has specific performance metrics to meet and a mandate to improve both its operations and physician relations. [Click here](#) for more info.

SB 79 - What it Means for Your Practice by C. Todd Drake, Montgomery Little Soran & Murray PC (Reprint from Colorado Medicine)

On March 30, 2007, Governor Bill Ritter signed into law Senate Bill 79 (SB 79), the nation's first fair and transparent managed care contract legislation. The bill creates a uniform, simplified system for managed care contracts that is designed to reduce the administrative costs associated with processing multiple payer provisions. It is anticipated that the bill will result in savings totaling millions of dollars (the average ten-physician practice spends nearly \$250,000 a year on wasteful administrative tasks). [Read on...](#)

UnitedHealthcare Commits to Contracts Being in Compliance with SB 79

By now, most physicians are aware of UHC issuing new/amended contracts over the past two months that are not compliant with SB 79 (they are not required to be compliant until after 1/1/08) and that CMS has intervened with UHC to clarify the situation. As a result UHC legal counsel brought the issue of the new contracts/contract amendments to UHC leadership and CMS has received a formal response to questions submitted to UHC concerning the new contracts/amendments. [Click here](#) to read on...

HB-1301 Mandates Coverage for Cervical Cancer Immunizations

Effective 1/1/08, this bill requires all individual or group policies issued to provide coverage for cervical cancer vaccines. Plans must cover the vaccine for all females as recommended by the HHS Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. [Click here](#) for more info.

CMS Delays Dissemination of National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) Data

CMS has delayed the release of the NPI Data Dissemination system until August 1, 2007 to give providers additional time to review their NPI files for removal of sensitive information. To read CMS's explanation of this change, [click here](#).

To see what identifying information a health care provider/organization may change/update/delete from the NPI data file, [click here](#).

