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The Community Healthcare Access Program (CHAP) has been serving uninsured Delawareans since 2001. With the collaboration of the Medical Society of Delaware, its Voluntary Initiative Program (the V.I.P. network) providers, and the Screening for Life (SFL) program, CHAP removes barriers to care and offers its members access to health care by providing health homes and preventative health screenings.

Since July 1, 2011, SFL and CHAP have been administered by the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH). By combining CHAP & SFL, clients benefit from an easy and convenient dual enrollment process, which increases access to the programs and eliminates unnecessary repetitiveness.

One new and convenient change is that the previous yearly open enrollments that required enrollment by a specific date have been replaced by rolling enrollments; eligibility and services expire one

year from the date of enrollment.

Those wishing to reenroll in the CHAP and SFL programs can now call 2-1-1 (toll free) or 302-744-1040. On-site Health Promotion Advocates at one of the following sites can also assist with enrollment at:

- Beebe Medical Center
- Claymont Family Health Services
- Henrietta Johnson Medical Center
- La Red Health Center
- Nanticoke Health Services
- Westside Family Healthcare

The new CHAP/SFL enrollments require proof of both income and Delaware residency. Therefore, immediate enrollments will no longer be available due to the verification process. Providers should verify a client's enrollment and/eligibility in advance of upcoming appointments and services.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 302-744-1040, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Important Screening Updates

New guidelines for cervical screenings from the United States Preventive Services Task Force are now in effect. These new guidelines change Screening for Life services:

- Women ages 20 and younger are no longer eligible for PAP screenings.
- Women ages 21-30 will now be eligible for PAP screenings every 3 years rather than every year.
- Women ages 31-64 will now be eligible for PAP screenings every 3 years OR every 5 years with HPV co-testing after age 30.
- Women age 65+ not at high risk or with adequate prior screening are no longer eligible for PAP screenings.



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Nurse's Nook:

Consider the patient before suggesting colonoscopy preparation.

A critical piece to a successful colonoscopy is preparation for the actual procedure. Screening For Life (SFL) providers vary widely in their use of both over the counter and prescription products recommended to clients prior to the colonoscopy.

The age and weight of the individual client are among several factors that should be taken into consideration when recommending products.

One of the common concerns for clients served by SFL is the cost of some of the preparation for the colonoscopy. Historically, patients have expressed an understanding of the importance of proper

preparation for the procedure, but view the high cost preparations as a potential barrier to completing the service.

SFL is able to cover the cost of the screening/ procedure for eligible clients but have limited funds to cover the cost of the preparation. Because of these limitations and the need for patients to complete this recommended test, providers should take all factors - ease of use, cost - into consideration when giving patients guidance regarding products to be used in preparation for a colonoscopy.

Please call 302-744-1040 with questions.

Claims News

you can use

In order to receive reimbursement for services provided, SFL providers are required to submit claims using approved Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes listed on the SFL reimbursable CPT code list. Lately, many providers have been using CPT code G0123 (thin prep screening pap) and CPT code G0103 (prostate specific antigen). These are no longer reimbursable CPT codes.

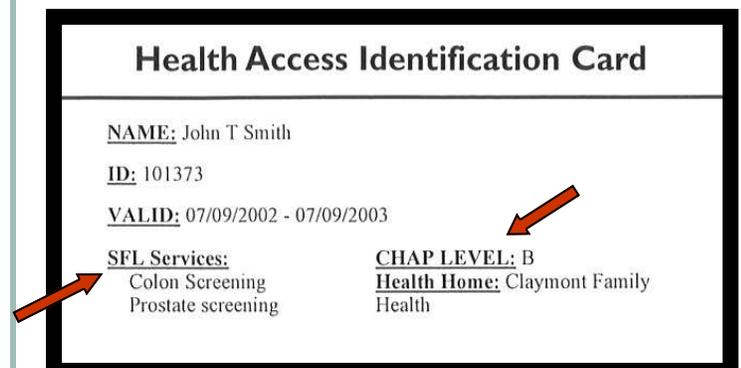
The current reimbursable CPT code list has been posted on the SFL website. Use the link below to access the website:

<http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dph/dpc/providers.html>

For services not covered by SFL, clients should be discounted according to his or her CHAP level if seeing a CHAP participating provider. CHAP levels are identified on the Health Access ID card.



CHAP & SFL information is now on ONE combined Health Access Identification Card:



MEET OUR NEW

DIRECTOR

Meet Teresa Gallagher, the new Program Administrator for SFL and CHAP. Terry is no stranger to the Department of Health and Social Services and the Division of Public Health, having come to us from the DPH Tobacco Prevention Control Program. With her oversight and direction, SFL and CHAP look forward to expanding their outreach and exposure throughout Delaware.

