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Read previous issues of Stellar Good News on the resources page of our website!

Stellar Updates

Some recent changes and updates to Stellar (go to the Help menu in Stellar and click Download Stellar Update for the complete list):

Patients

OtherDT column in Patient history now shows the last run date for primary claims (ie, the last time the service was processed by one of Stellar's claims programs for a primary claim).

Visit Report

Can now limit visit summary to a specific account code.

Visit Sheets

Added Column selection for Walk-Ins when using the multi-column scheduler.

Multi-Column Appointments

Added Last Visit date to Add Appt screen and appointment info box.

Added some coloration/highlighting to stuff in the appointment info box to make certain things stand out better.

Claims

Inactive patients are now hidden when Hide Inactive is turned on.

Special Bill

"Show Only Patient Payments" was also showing \$0 insurance payments.

Pre-Insurance Report

Added check for treatments with blank CPT codes.

Sound Vitality Device

One of our DCs recently discovered this device, and thinks you might like to check it out if you haven't heard of it before. It's a

sonic therapy device that has been used with success on both humans and horses. He says this sound therapy compliments the light therapy in many of the same conditions and is easy to apply; a medical or chiropractic assistant can use this attended or unattended. You can find more information about the device at the manufacturer's website: <http://www.soundvitality.com>

Doctors of Chiropractic and Patients Included in UnitedHealth Group Settlement

From ACAToday.org

A record-breaking settlement has been reached between the American Medical Association, et al. and UnitedHealth Group—the nation's largest health insurer—for 15 years of artificially low payments for out-of-network services. More than \$350 million has been allocated to compensate impacted providers and subscribers, including doctors of chiropractic and their patients, according to the American Chiropractic Association (ACA).

Affected providers and subscribers should have received mailings from UnitedHealth Group that include an overview of the settlement, instructions for filing a claim for payment and proof of claim forms. Claims for payment must be filed by Oct. 5, 2010. Anyone filing objections to the settlement or opting out of the settlement must do so by July 27, 2010.

Evidence of UnitedHealth Group's improper business practices was confirmed after an investigation by New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo over allegations that a database operated by Ingenix, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of UnitedHealth Group, intentionally skewed "usual and customary" rates downward through faulty data collection, poor pooling procedures and the lack of audits. The Attorney General found that having a health insurer determine the "usual and customary" rate – a large portion of which the insurer then reimburses – creates an incentive for the insurer to manipulate the rate downward. The creation of a new database, independently maintained by a nonprofit organization, is designed to remove this conflict of interest.

Read the rest at:

http://www.acatoday.org/press_css.cfm?CID=3894

Presidential cancer advisors find courage to warn about environmental risks of cancer chemicals

From NaturalNews.com, by Mike Adams

(NaturalNews) When a government panel of experts finds the courage to tell the truth about cancer, it's an event so rare that it becomes newsworthy. Late last week, a report from the President's Cancer Panel (PCP) broke ranks with the sick-care cancer establishment and dared to say something that natural health advocates have been warning about for decades: That Americans are "bombarded" with cancer-causing chemicals and radiation, and if we hope to reduce cancer rates, we must eliminate cancer-causing chemicals in foods, medicines, personal care products and our work and home environments.

In a directive to President Obama, the report states, "The panel urges you most strongly to use the power of your office to remove the carcinogens and other toxins from our food, water, and air that needlessly increase healthcare costs, cripple our nation's productivity, and devastate American lives."

When I first read that, I just about fell out of my chair. Government-appointed experts are really saying that there are cancer-causing chemicals in our food and water? That simple fact has been vehemently denied by the cancer industry, processed food giants, personal care product companies and of course the fluoride lobby -- all of which insist their chemicals are perfectly safe.

ACS attacks the report

The American Cancer Society, not surprisingly, was quick to bash the report. The ACS is one of the sick-care cancer industry front groups that reinforces consumer ignorance about both the causes and the solutions for cancer. The ACS has, for decades, engaged in what can only be called a "cancer chemical cover-up" with its denials that environmental chemicals cause cancer.

Even as cancer experts like Dr Sam Epstein have been warning about carcinogens in cosmetics, personal care products and foods (<http://www.preventcancer.com/consumers>), the ACS has ridiculously pretended such threats don't exist. And just to top it off, the ACS has been warning people to stay away from sunlight and become more vitamin D deficient, thereby increasing cancer rates even further.

So it's no surprise that the ACS doesn't like this PCP report that dares to state the obvious:

There are cancer-causing chemicals in our food and water! "The American people -- even before they are born -- are bombarded continually with myriad combinations of these dangerous exposures," the report writes.

Read the rest at:

http://www.naturalnews.com/028765_environmental_chemicals_cancer.html

And read the government report at:

http://deainfo.nci.nih.gov/advisory/pcp/pcp08-09rpt/PCP_Report_08-09_508.pdf

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