



## Important Notice to Our Providers: Medicare Advantage Sequestration

On August 2, 2011, the Budget Control Act of 2011 was signed into law, directing Federal spending to be reduced by \$1.2 trillion over 10 years. Absent action to enact legislation to achieve these savings objectives or otherwise modify the Budget Control Act of 2011, specified budget reductions went into effect on March 1, 2013. These budget reductions, known as sequestration, will in general, include a reduction of 2% to Provider payments under the Medicare program, including Medicare Advantage plans. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will implement these reductions on April 1, 2013.

All providers who are reimbursed based on the Medicare reimbursement methodology or the Medicare-allowable rate (e.g., RBRVS, DRG, APC, etc.), including Providers who are reimbursed using the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS), will be subject to the same sequestration reduction applied by CMS for the same items and services provided to Medicare Advantage members enrolled in the following health Plans:

**TexanPlus® HMO**

**Generations Healthcare HMO**

**Today's Options® HMO**

**Today's Options® PPO**

**Today's Options® PFFS**

  
**TRIBUTE® HMO SNP**

This reduction will apply to claims with initial service date of May 1, 2013 and forward and will continue so long as applied by CMS.

We will provide more information on the impact and method of administrating sequestration as it becomes available.

For more information about how sequestration will affect you, please call Provider Services at:

<b>TexanPlus HMO Houston-Beaumont Area:</b>	<b>1-866-230-2513</b>
<b>TexanPlus HMO Dallas Metroplex Area:</b>	<b>1-800-958-2707</b>
<b>Generations Healthcare HMO:</b>	<b>1-866-547-3060</b>
<b>Today's Options HMO:</b>	<b>1-866-802-8571</b>
<b>Today's Options PPO:</b>	<b>1-866-422-5009</b>
<b>Today's Options PFFS:</b>	<b>1-866-568-8921</b>
<b>Tribute HMO SNP:</b>	<b>1-800-817-3515</b>