



A Memo from our President, John Moore, MD

UHC has issued amendment's regarding updating your fee schedule to be implemented August 1st. If you do not accept the modifications, you are required to notify UHC in writing within 30 days (by May 23rd).

I personally have read the terms of the contract carefully and have sent UHC in writing that I do not accept the modifications to my fee schedule. NTENT cannot make this decision on your behalf, but if you do not accept the modifications for you, please send in writing to UHC that you do not accept. Otherwise, your fee schedule will change August 1, 2020.

Please click [here](#) for the entire letter.

Masks & Shields Available

NTENT knows the struggles that our members are feeling when it comes to PPE. When given an opportunity to purchase a large sum of PPE to help our members, NTENT will do so. We were able to secure 550 KN95 masks from our preferred partners and they have arrived. If you need any KN95 masks, we secured them at \$4 per mask and are happy to either deliver them or mail them to your office if you need them. We also have face shields still available for the same price but those will not be delivered until later this month. Please email knorris@ntent.org if you need any.

Government Payment Programs

Beginning on April 26, 2020 CMS stopped accepting any new applications for the Advance Payment Program, and CMS will be reevaluating all pending and new applications for Accelerated Payments in light of historical direct payments made available through HHS's Provider Relief Fund. For more information on the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund and how to apply, please click [here](#)

Please click [here](#) for the hyperlink for the Advance Payment Program

COVID-19 UPDATE For Patient Examinations and Procedures

The Texas Medical Board (TMB) has issued guidance for Compliance Requirements concerning COVID-19 for procedures and surgeries. We have summarized for quick reading or click [here](#) for the entire document.

1. A mask must be worn when within 6 feet from patient. (both patient and physician) You can require a mask be worn but if a patient does not have their own, an office must provide some type of face covering.
2. Follow policy on screening and testing for patients
3. Prior to patient visit, screen for symptoms of COVID-19 and verify if patient has not been screened in the last 20 days.
4. Any procedure or surgery performed that has a high risk or aerosol transmission should include N95 masks or equivalent protection from aerosolized particles and face shields.

Display the Standards of Safe Practice in your practice. Click [here](#) for one you can use.

It is recommended but not required that you document compliance (especially minimum safety equipment standards for high risk of aerosol transmission) and if you informed the

patient of safe practice measures.

DFW Wellness Pharmacy

DFW Wellness Pharmacy has worked with some fellow NTENT members to bring you this exclusive offer on topical sinus therapy compounded irrigation systems.

DFW Wellness Pharmacy is a community pharmacy passionate about providing personalized service at an affordable price. They offer a wide variety of services including conventional prescription filling, over the counter medications, compounded prescriptions, free delivery, and much more.

DFW Wellness is managed by Pharmacist Linda Nguyen and is in Arlington, Texas. Linda is committed to providing the best customer service to her patients and customers by offering excellent customer service and personalized service. All prescriptions are delivered next business day in the DFW area.

Please click [here](#) for the exclusive pricing. Give Linda a call to get more information or to get you startup kit and start sending your prescriptions today.

DFW Wellness is a member of TXCIN and APEX.

Infinity Physician Resources

Looking to add a new physician to your practice. Infinity Physician Resources has a candidate that will be finishing fellowship this June in facial plastics and reconstruction. There is no official agreement between NTENT and Infinity Physician Resources, but we wanted to share news about the candidate as they want to move to Texas due to family ties. The fee's associated if candidate is hired is \$24K plus any travel expenses during interview process. If you are interested, please call Belinda at the number listed below.

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