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Provider Alert

To: Sharp Health Plan Provider Partners
 Attn: Providers & Provider Office Staff
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 Subject: **Important information about the coronavirus (2019-nCoV)**

Attention Provider Partners,

The World Health Organization has declared the coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak a global health emergency. Sharp HealthCare is monitoring this situation and has protocols in place to properly manage coronavirus and any infectious disease.

Providers should ask patients being evaluated with fever and acute respiratory illness about travel outside the United States, and can utilize the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) criteria below to evaluate whether a patient should be further evaluated for coronavirus.

Clinical Features	&	Epidemiologic Risk
Fever ¹ or signs/symptoms of lower respiratory illness (e.g. cough or shortness of breath)	AND	Any person, including health care workers, who has had close contact ² with a laboratory-confirmed ^{3,4} 2019-nCoV patient within 14 days of symptom onset
Fever ¹ and signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath)	AND	A history of travel from Hubei Province , China within 14 days of symptom onset
Fever ¹ and signs/symptoms of a lower respiratory illness (e.g., cough or shortness of breath) requiring hospitalization ⁴	AND	A history of travel from mainland China within 14 days of symptom onset

*Visit cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/hcp/clinical-criteria.html for the latest criteria to help guide evaluation (including footnotes).

You should immediately notify both infection control personnel at your health care facility and the California Department of Public Health in the event of a Person Under Investigation (or PUI) for 2019-nCoV. At this time, diagnostic testing for 2019-nCoV can be conducted only at the CDC. Please visit their website cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html for the latest coronavirus information.

Warm regards,

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