

SPECIAL eBULLETIN

FOR PROFESSIONAL AND FACILITY PROVIDERS

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POPULATION HEALTH UNIVERSITY'S EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT UTILIZATION MODULE NOW AVAILABLE

Emergency Department (ED) utilization contributes significantly to medical expenditure in the United States. Over the past three (3) decades, increases in U.S. ED visits have been documented despite decreases in active or operational EDs. To help our providers to combat these challenges, Highmark has created an Emergency Department Utilization Module for you to review.

This module includes the [Emergency Department Utilization article](#) that was published on the American Journal of Managed Care's® (AJMC) website and our Provider Resource Center (PRC), as well as several videos on how to reduce ED visits. It is also available for Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits.

To access the Emergency Department Utilization Module, go to the **Provider Resource Center**, select **Education/Manuals**, Click **Population Health University**, and choose **Emergency Department Utilization** under **Population Health University Modules**.

RECEIVING CME CREDIT

Guidance on how to receive CME credit for any of the Population Health Modules can be found [here](#). For the Emergency Department Utilization Module, you will be eligible to receive partial CME credit for the individual components of the module that you complete or full credit for completing the entire module.

You are only able to apply for CMEs for the Emergency Department Utilization one time. Ensure you complete all components you want credit for prior to submitting CME credit.

Breakdown of Number of AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credits™ for the Population Health ED Utilization Module	Number of AMA PRA Category 1 CME Credit™
Appropriate Emergency Department Utilization: Leading to Better Care Coordination	1
Highmark's Emergency Department Utilization Panel Discussion	1
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Total CMEs Available	3

If you have questions regarding registering and applying for CMEs, please contact any member of your assigned field team or submit an inquiry to: PopulationHealthUniversityInquiries@highmarkhealth.org (when submitting your inquiry, please include your Practice's Blue Shield ID number).



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