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**Coming Events**

1. **Medicare 2014 Update & Fee Schedule Overview** – Webinar, presented by Betsy L. Thompson, MD, Chief Clinician, CMS Region IX, Wed, Feb 12, 12:15 pm
2. **Boost Your Practice Profitability**, by SmartPay – Webinar, Wed, Feb. 19, 12:15 pm
3. **Physician Mixer** – Thurs, Feb. 20, 5:30 pm, hosted by Vision Care & Correction of San Diego, 3969 Fourth Ave., #301, San Diego
4. **Meaningful Use Stage 2 Changes & ICD-10** – Webinar, Wed, Feb. 26, 12:15 pm
5. **New Practice Managers' Orientation** – Thurs, Feb 27, 12:15 pm, Physician Partners Office, 550 Washington, #841, San Diego

**RSVP 619-359-6600**

**Cost Savings**

- \$55,400+ member savings have been reported from our Medical Waste program.
- 10% (like items), and 16% (generic) savings on administrative products have been realized by Physician Partners' office from the Group Purchasing program.

Contact us for more information and register for these savings programs, exclusively for Physician Partners and Physician Resource Center members.

**Update your Professional Profile!**

We are launching myQcare, our new patient-centric website, in March. Contact Ana to make sure your profile reflects you & your practice – this is a great communications tool!

**New Focus on Clinical Studies**

The Clinical Studies Clearinghouse is being updated. Potential participants will be able to register for studies on our website. Contact Veronica to include your office!

**Payer Update – Cigna LocalPlus**

Cigna introduced the new Cigna LocalPlus plan on Jan 1, 2014. Patients will carry LocalPlus ID cards. Reimbursement will be at Physician Partners' contract rates.

**Thank You!**

Last month we asked for volunteers for our new Membership Committee. Members are: Drs Mike Couris, Ned Chambers, Ben Cullen, Cindy Davis, Dan Einhorn, Bernard Feigenbaum, Dan Giurgiu, Bob Goldklang, Chris Gualtieri, Venu Prabaker, & David Smith.

**Did You Know?**

**Our new Group Purchasing program** is already showing significant savings. It combines the resources of Med Assets and MedLine, enabling practices to pay the same lower prices that are paid by large organizations. The program is free to our members.

**Notables**

- **Congratulations to Chris Van Gorder**, CEO, Scripps Health, ACHE Gold Medal Winner for Healthcare Delivery, 2013.
- **Dr. Alexandra Bunyak**, Pain Management, Encinitas, is speaking on Thurs, Feb 6, on stem cells, PRP, and regenerative medicine. Learn more at her website: [www.feelboundless.com](http://www.feelboundless.com).
- **Dr. Jimmy Han** added a Fallbrook office: 521 E. Elder St., #206, Fallbrook.
- **Dr. Paul E. Kim**, has 2 new locations: 3549 Camino Del Rio S, #A, San Diego, and 535 H Street, Chula Vista. Phone: 619-543-0144 and fax: 619-543-0445 for both locations.
- **Dr. Lila Schmidt** relocated to 3969 Fourth Ave., #207, San Diego, with phone: 619-295-4050 and fax: 619-243-1298.

**Welcome New Members**

Welcome to our new members: **Drs Karla Garcia** (Family Medicine, Chula Vista), **Devin Kehl** (Internal Medicine, Encinitas), and **Mark Melden** (Psychiatry, Coronado).

*Physician Partners mission is to improve patient access by increasing the viability of physician practices.*