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Good News –

PQRS penalties may not be applied by CMS for non-participation in 2016 IF there is a discrepancy between ICD10 reporting schemes. Please read this update carefully, as not all eligible practitioners qualify. Read more here : https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/Downloads/ICD-10_Update_Listserv.pdf

NEW Stuff

Telemedicine Pilot

Physician Partners is introducing a 90-day telemedicine pilot program for certain specialties. If you are a Dermatologist, ENT, Allergist, Psychiatrist, Pediatrician or Primary Care/Urgent Care physician, and you're interested in exploring the option of telemedicine with your patients, please contact Dustin@partnersdocs.com.

Chronic Care Management (CCM)

CMS rewards physicians for managing Medicare patients with 2 or more chronic conditions. Learn how working with Renova can help your practice meet requirements under new legislation, stay compliant, and generate new income without the need for additional office resources or upfront costs. Contact: beth@partnersdocs.com.

Scripps Affiliated Medical Groups – Physician Benefits!

Comprehensive Digital Marketing for your medical practice is included in your Physician Partners membership dues! Over 5,000 visitors are hitting the website every month! Check your profile: scrippsamg.com
Other technology benefits include a free patient health app, Health Gorilla-Clinical Connectivity to LabCorp, Quest, Imaging Healthcare, & Scripps Labs.

Education & Networking Events

1. ***Do You Have a Workforce Management Plan for 2017?*** – by *OfficeWorks Rx*, Webinar, Wed, Jan 25, 12:15 p.m.
2. ***PQRS-MIPS 2017, How to Prepare*** – Webinar, Wed, Feb. 1, 12:15 p.m.
3. ***Chronic Care Management***, by *Renova* – Webinar, Wed, Feb. 8, 12:15 p.m.
4. ***Appointment Scheduling & Online Reputation Management***, by *Doctible* – Webinar, Wed, Feb. 15, 12:15 p.m.
5. ***SAVE THE DATE – Physician Mixer!*** Thurs, Feb. 23, 5:30 p.m., Scripps Mercy Surgery Pavilion
RSVP 619-359-6600

Missed a Webinar – Want More Info?

You can find past webinars and other useful information at physicianresourcecenter.com

Regulatory Updates

It's time to review and train staff on the Fraud, Waste and Abuse regulations from Medicare. You can go to the Medicare website https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/Downloads/Fraud_and_Abuse.pdf, or you can find the same FWA training on our Physician Resource Center website: <http://physicianresourcecenter.com/fraud-waste-and-abuse-training-2016>

Payer Updates

- Cigna has a new reimbursement schedule that includes a site of service differential for approx. 1900 CPT codes.
- Do you perform acupuncture services in your office? St. Paul's PACE is looking for practices that provide these services for their senior patients. Please let us know if acupuncture is a service you provide.

Bottom Line Solutions from our Physician Resource Center

- **BCS (Business Complete Solutions)** – Our newest member offers office equipment and workflow analysis solutions for medical practices.

Physician Updates

We'd like to congratulate and offer our thanks and best wishes to the following 4 physicians who retired at the end of the year: **Kevin Haynes, MD**, **Kay Judd, MD**, **Steven Plaskin, DPM**, and **Martin Taubman, DPM**. In addition, **Dr. Sandra Petersen** and **Dr. Tammy Pham** have closed their private practice.

- **Dr. Michael Kipper** (Genesis Healthcare) is relocating to 3444 Kearny Villa Rd., #201 Ph: 858-430-1101
- **Dr. Becky (Ngobich) Nguyen** moved to 3969 Fourth Ave., #207, San Diego Ph: 619-543-0042
- **Dr. William Previte** relocated to 5395 Ruffin Rd., #102, San Diego Ph: 858-650-3030

Welcome New Members

Welcome our new members: **Dr. Christopher Crosby** (Dermatology, Carmel Valley), **Dr. Maki Goskowicz** (Dermatology, Carmel Valley), **Dr. Margaret Jolley** (Family Medicine, Chula Vista), and **Dr. Jay Pandhi** (Cardiology, National City).

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

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