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NEW Stuff

EHR Exemption

Once again, CMS is accepting requests for exemption from utilizing an EHR. You can find the request for exemption at www.cms.gov or contact Physician Partners. The form is due no later than Oct. 1, 2017.

MIPS Exemption

You are exempt from MIPS reporting if you billed \$30,000 or less in Medicare Part B services, or you saw 100 or fewer Medicare Part B patients, during 1 of 2 reporting periods. You do not need to complete a form to receive the exemption. To find out if you're exempt from reporting, go to <https://qpp.cms.gov/>

Scripps ACO

Final submission deadline for Scripps ACO participation in 2018 is Aug. 30, 2017. If you are currently participating in the ACO, Scripps has issued an update regarding reporting Advancing Care Information. Contact Eydie Strouse (Strouse.Eydie@scrippshealth.org) or Stacy Pevney (Pevney.Stacy@scrippshealth.org) for more information.

Contract Updates

We are pleased to report that there are several contract updates:

- Three Rivers Provider Network – group health & workers' comp reimbursement changes
- USA MCO – revised workers' comp reimbursement language

Look for an Option Report to be sent this week. Forms must be returned by Sept. 15, 2017.

- Remember – You are required to provide interpreters for Limited English Proficiency patients, if requested.

Physician Bulletin Board

We're building our newest website feature – the *Physician Bulletin Board*. If you want to post an employment opportunity or space available, contact us to add it to the bulletin board. Here are the latest postings.

- NP or PA with cardiology experience wanted for busy cardiology office.
- Full time MA wanted for small surgery office
- Part-time MA wanted for dermatology office
- Office space available for sub-lease – Monday & Friday, lobby, 2 exam rooms, in Hillcrest

Contact Physician Partners for more information on any of these opportunities.

Senior Wellness Society – A New Way to Reach out to Your Patients

Our first Senior Wellness newsletter went out to over 1,000 recipients who signed up at recent events. Over 41% of recipients opened it. Want your patients to see it? Contact beth@partnersdocs.com

Education & Networking Events

- **MIPS 2017: How to Report & Avoid Penalties**, by Natalie Nelson, Webinar, Wed, Sept. 6, 12:15 p.m.
- **Practice Luncheon**, Join us and your colleagues at Vibra Hospital, Thurs, Sept. 7, 12:15 – 1:30 p.m.
- **Office Staffing/Best Practices**, by Gene Brown, OfficeWorks, Webinar, Wed, Sept. 20, 12:15 p.m.
- **Medical Assistant Liability, Their Vital Role & Sources of Risk**, by Amy McLain, CAP, Webinar, Wed, Sept. 27, 12:15 p.m.

RSVP 619-359-6600

(Find past webinars and other useful information at physicianresourcecenter.com)

Bottom Line Solutions from our Physician Resource Center

- **Chronic Care Management LLC** – We welcome one of the newest members of the Physician Resource Center, providing services that enable practices to generate new revenue and increase patient satisfaction.

Physician Updates:

- Dr. Jeremy McCandless has joined San Diego Orthopaedic Associates and is now practicing at 4060 Fourth Ave., Suite 700, in Hillcrest, 619-299-8500
- Dr. Neeta Varshney is now practicing at 100 N. Rancho Santa Fe Rd., Ste. 126, San Marcos 760-598-5270
- Dr. Katrina Woodhall moved her practice to 501 Washington Street, Ste. 502, in Hillcrest, 619-542-0013

Welcome New Members

Welcome our new members: **Dr. Akmal Atmar** (Podiatry, Oceanside), **Dr. Justin Bennink** (Family Medicine, Chula Vista), **Dr. Maurice Buchbinder** (Cardiology, Encinitas), **Dr. YC Cecily Chan** (Internal Medicine, Encinitas), **Dr. Timothy Chang**, (Dermatology, La Jolla), **Dr. Alan Chiu** (Internal Medicine, Encinitas), **Dr. David Feifel** (Psychiatry, La Jolla), **Dr. Ashwani Jaiswal** (Family Medicine, La Mesa), **Dr. Yu-Po Lee** (Orthopaedic Surgery, Oceanside), **Dr. Jennifer MacEwan** (Otolaryngology, Poway), **Dr. Tyler Maly** (Dermatology, Oceanside), **Dr. Neeraj Mangla** (Internal Medicine, Encinitas), **Dr. Arvin Narula** (Cardiology, Kearny Mesa), **Dr. Claire Ojima** (Family Medicine, Chula Vista), **Dr. Jennifer Spurlock** (Internal Medicine, Encinitas), **Dr. Scott Tanaka** (Orthopaedic Surgery, Hillcrest), **Dr. Christopher Urband** (Orthopaedic Surgery, La Jolla), and **Dr. Jeffrey Weiss** (Vascular Surgery, Hillcrest).

Physician Partners mission is to - Enhance the viability of private practices; Offer the advantages of a large medical group while respecting the autonomy of individual practices; Provide the cohesiveness and alignment of the medical community; and Support the transition to value-based, clinically integrated care.

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