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NEW Stuff

EHR Hardship Exception

Once again, CMS is accepting requests for exemption from utilizing an EHR. You can find the request for exception 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

If you are a Scripps ACO participant, you do not need to submit MIPS quality information this year, but you do need to report Advancing Care Information. Scripps has issued an update regarding reporting ACI. Contact Eydie Strouse (Strouse.Eydie@scrippshealth.org) or Stacy Pevney (Pevney.Stacy@scrippshealth.org) for more information.

Contract Updates

Three Rivers and USA MCO – Please return your contract Option Reports this week. Those who do not respond will be terminated from these contracts.

Spanish Language Website Now Available

The same info you can find on our Scripps AMG website will be available, along with original articles.

Physician Bulletin Board

If you want to post an employment opportunity or space available, contact us to add it to the bulletin board.

Check out the current postings:

Seeking: Part-time Ophthalmology tech, La Jolla, must be able to refract

Full-time MA for Allergy & Immunology office, Mission Valley

Space Available: Solana Beach, 2 exams rooms + reception

Contact Physician Partners for more information on any of these opportunities or to post a listing.

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

Benefit to members of Senior Wellness Society - help with Open Enrollment! Contact beth@partnersdocs.com

Education & Networking Events

- **Medical Assistant Liability, Their Vital Role & Sources of Risk**, by Amy McLain, CAP, Webinar, Wed, Sept. 27, 12:15 p.m.
- **MIPS 2017: How to Report & Avoid Penalties**, by Natalie Nelson, Webinar, Wed, Oct. 4, 12:15 p.m.
- **Physician Mixer** – Scripps Mercy Surgery Pavilion, Thurs, Oct. 12, 5:30 p.m.
- **HRS: Save with our New Group Purchasing Program**, by Brad Dillman, HRS, Webinar, Wed, Oct. 25, 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

- **Intalere/HRS** – We welcome one of the newest members of the Physician Resource Center, providing GPO services. You can stay with your current contracts, or take advantage of their relationships. They also have a great feature called Perks at Work for employees of your practice.
- **Merritt Hawkins** offers clinician staffing solutions, for both temp and permanent placement.

Physician Updates:

- **Dr. Lindsey Hagstrom**, SD Hand Specialists, is now Dr. Lindsey Urband – Congratulations!
- **Dr. Adnan Cutuk**, Cardiology, added a 2nd office: 300 S. Pierce St, #202, El Cajon Ph: (619) 589-6888
- **Dr. Joshua Pal**, Orthopaedics, has 3 practice locations: 2323 E. 8th St, Rm. 101, National City; 2720 E Plaza Blvd, Ste U, National City; & 2023 W Vista Way, Vista – Ph: 619-436-5310
- **Dr. Andrew Saleh** has joined Shelter Island Med. Grp, 1370 Rosecrans St., Ste A, San Diego, Ph: 619-223-2668
- **Pacific ENT (Drs. Davis, Goldsztein, & Salgado)** are moving to 6010 Hidden Valley Rd, #210, Carlsbad, Ph: 858-755-9343

Welcome New Members

Welcome our new members: ***Dr. David Balch*** (General Surgery, Hillcrest), ***Dr. Batyrjan Bulibek*** (Cardiology, Encinitas), ***Dr. Melissa Campos*** (Family Medicine, Chula Vista), ***Dr. Logan Haak*** (Ophthalmology, Kearny Mesa), ***Dr. Athir Hajjar*** (Sleep Medicine, El Cajon), ***Dr. Nathan Hammel*** (Orthopaedic Surgery, Encinitas), ***Dr. Delaram Pour Molkara*** (Pediatric Cardiology, Point Loma), ***Dr. Brittany Rice*** (Podiatry, Mission Valley), ***Dr. Jon Roth*** (Internal Medicine, Encinitas), and ***Dr. Casie Shenoy*** (Medical Oncology, Kearny Mesa).

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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