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NEW Stuff

Welcome New Members

Welcome our new members: **Dr. Rishi Jindal** (Plastic/Hand Surgery, San Diego), **Dr. Pargol Samani** (Cardiology, Encinitas), **Dr. Robert Scott, Jr.** (Physical Medicine & Rehab, Alvarado), and **Dr. Collin Smith** (Podiatry, Poway).

Annual Medicare Fraud, Waste & Abuse Training

All clinicians treating Medicare patients must complete Fraud, Waste & Abuse training once a year. You can complete the training online and receive CE credits. To participate, go to www.cms.gov and look for the Learning Management System home page to create an account.

ACI Data Submission

MIPS is comprised of 4 categories: Quality, Improvement Activities, Cost, & ACI – Advancing Care Information. You need to report at least some ACI information, through attestation, beginning January 2, 2018 (for the 2017 calendar year). Learn how you can submit info and receive credit for ACI in our recorded webinar. Go to the Physician Resource Center Learning page.

MIPS Exemption

For 2017, you are exempt from MIPS reporting if you billed \$30,000 or less in Medicare Part B services, or if 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

- Scripps ACO will be holding informational sessions about the new Scripps Community Connect for physicians who are interested in learning more about Epic. Events will be held on January 23 at Scripps Memorial, Encinitas, at 5:30 p.m., and on January 25 at Scripps Mercy, San Diego, at 6:00 p.m.
- QualComm's ACO patients began accessing care on January 1. The ACO sent specific plan information summaries.
- If you are a Scripps ACO participant, you do not need to submit MIPS **Quality** information for 2017, but you do need to report **Advancing Care Information**. Scripps has issued an update regarding reporting **ACI**.
- If you have questions about the ACO, or your participation in either ACO program, contact Eydie Strouse (Strouse.Eydie@scrippshealth.org) for practices south of the 52, or Stacy Pevney for practices north of the 52 (Pevney.Stacy@scrippshealth.org).

Scripps AMG

- In December, over 1,000 phone calls were made to physician members' offices from visitors to the Scripps AMG website. We're pleased to provide your practice this valuable member benefit.
- **Spanish Language Website Now Available** Our Spanish language patient site is now live! MDs who have identified as Spanish-speaking are featured, along with Spanish translations of all info pages.

Payor Update

St. Paul's PACE has changed their claims submission address to:

Peak PACE Solutions LLC, PO Box 30760, Tampa, FL 33630-3760

Please send claims for St. Paul's PACE patients to this address for processing.

Education & Networking Events

- **eClinicalworks Day – User Group Meeting** – Wed, Jan. 24, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Rancho Bernardo Inn
- **Physician Mixer, North County** – Thurs., Feb. 22, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., Co-hosted by Drs Cindy Davis, Moses Salgado, and Hernan Goldshtein, 6010 Hidden Valley Rd., #210, Carlsbad

Bottom Line Solutions from our Physician Resource Center

- **Paragon Accountants – Tax time is coming!** Paragon is offering 30% off on 2017 tax return preparation to Physician Partners members who are 1st time clients. Contact Emerald: emerald@paragonaccountants.com.

Physician Updates:

It's a new year - Make sure to let us know if you have a change of address, phone, etc. We will notify the payers for you.

- Name Change: Dr. Margaret Hobson is now Dr. Margaret Dupree
- Dr. Gabriel Gil moved to 903 Cardiff St., San Diego, CA 92114 Ph: (619) 465-3121
- Dr. Ken Yamada moved to 1040 University Ave., #B209A, San Diego, CA 92103 Ph: (619) 299-1100

Happy New Year!

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.