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NEW Stuff

Welcome New Members

Welcome our new members: **Dr. David Coon** (Pathology, San Diego), **Dr. Sherry Kinnaird** (Pain Medicine, Mission Valley), **Dr. Alexander Krakovsky** (Pain Medicine, Carlsbad), **Dr. Jonathan Paul** (Ophthalmology, Chula Vista) and **Dr. Sabina Wallach** (Hematology/Oncology, La Jolla).

Payor Update

Cigna rates increase by 5% again on March 1st. Please look for an Option form in the next week, so you can opt in to this very favorable contract.

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.

Education & Networking Events

North County Physician Mixer – Join your colleagues this Thurs, Feb. 22, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., at the new offices of Pacific ENT (Drs. Cindy Davis, Hernan Goldsztein & Moses Salgado). 6010 Hidden Valley Rd., #210, Carlsbad.

RSVP 619-359-6600

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. ACI reporting for 2017 is due to CMS by March 31, 2018.

Scripps ACO

- Scripps ACO is offering Scripps Community Connect for physicians who are interested in installing Epic in their offices.
- 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

- Visits to the Scripps AMG website more than doubled over the past year, and more than 1,000 phone calls were made to member offices in December. We're pleased to provide your practice this valuable member benefit.
- **Spanish Language Website Now LIVE!** 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.

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:

Make sure to let us know if you have a change of address, phone, etc. We will notify the payers for you.

- **Dr. William Hooper** is adding a 2nd address, and joining Coastal Pulmonary Associates, 320 Santa Fe Dr., #107C, Encinitas, Ph: 760-944-1309.
- **Dr. Delaram Pour Molkara** relocated to 2333 Camino Del Rio S., #340, San Diego, Ph: 619-501-4015
- **Dr. Joshua Pal** has relocated to 2323 E. 8th St., #101, National City, Ph: 619-436-5310
- **Dr. Kamshad Raiszadeh/Spine Zone** is moving the San Diego office to 7525 Metropolitan Dr., #306, San Diego, Ph: 844-316-7979

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