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NEW Stuff

Welcome New Members

Welcome our new members: **Dr. Heidrun Gollogly** (Ophthalmology, National City), **Dr. Tim Gurtch** (Family Medicine, La Mesa), **Dr. Danielle Richardson** (Family Medicine, Chula Vista), and **Dr. Azadeh Shirazi** (Dermatology, Pacific Beach).

Payor Update

Cigna rates increased by 5% on March 1st. Make sure to return your Option form by March 30, so you can participate in 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

- ***Epic Readiness Town Hall Meeting – Scripps Mercy Hospital, Chula Vista*** – Fri, March 16, noon- 1:30 p.m., Library Conference Room (lunch will be served) TOMORROW!
- ***An Epic Journey – Epic Wave 3 Readiness Webinar*** – Wed., March 21, noon
- ***South Bay Practice Luncheon – Scripps Mercy Hospital, Chula Vista*** – Thurs, April 12, 12:15 p.m.- 1:30 p.m., Bank Building
- ***SAVE THE DATE - Spring Town Hall Event, Scripps Mercy Hospital, San Diego, West Auditorium*** – Thurs, May 3, 5:30 p.m.

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

- Enrollment for 2019 participation in the Scripps ACO and for the QualComm ACO will begin in late Spring.
- 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.
- 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**.
- 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 February, ScrippsAMG.com had nearly 7,000 San Diego metro visitor sessions and nearly 1,400 phone calls were made to physician members' offices!
- **Spanish Language Website** 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. To learn more and take advantage of this offer: contact@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. contact@partnersdocs.com

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