

# PROGRESS REPORT | October 2020

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## PHYSICIAN PARTNERS MISSION

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 valuebased, clinically integrated care.

### Welcome 3 New Physician Members

Welcome our new members: Goodman, Evan, MD (Pain Management, Carlsbad), Shah, Deval, MD (Psychiatry, La Jolla), Truong, Ngoc, DO (Anesthesiology/Pain Medicine, Carlsbad)

#### **Annual Member Meeting (Virtual)**

Thurs, Oct. 22, 5:50 – 6:30 p.m., virtual (GoToMeeting) Join us for a virtual meeting to hear important updates, including new member benefits, contract updates, and Scripps Affiliated Medical Groups marketing information. To RSVP, please contact Ashley Held at <u>aheld@partnersdocs.com</u>.

#### **CARES Act Funding Updates**

October 1 Announcement of Phase 3 General Distribution Providers that have already received Provider Relief Fund payments are invited to apply for additional funding that considers financial losses and changes in operating expenses caused by the coronavirus. Previously ineligible providers, such as those who began practicing in 2020 will also be invited to apply, and an expanded group of behavioral health providers will also be eligible for relief payments. To apply, please visit <u>https://cares.linkhealth.com/</u>

#### Aetna Better Health of California

If you missed the opportunity to participate in Physician Partner's Aetna Better Health of California contract, please contact Ana Estrada at <u>aestrada@partnersdocs.com</u>.

#### MIPS Webinar 2020

Physician Partners created a webinar for the 2020 MIPS Program (Merit Based Incentive Payment System) which includes those practices who wish to individually submit their 2020 quality payment data to CMS.

#### Webinar Topics

- Payment adjustments are now topped out at +/-9%
- MIPS 2020 requirements
- Prepare now for changes in 2021

Watch the webinar here: https://vimeo.com/453454127

### Scripps Affiliated Medical Groups – Marketing Updates

The <u>ScrippsAMG.com</u> digital marketing program, which includes all Physician Partners members, saw phone calls placed to physician offices in September at nearly 4,000! Search and social audiences continue to grow, generating a 75% increase in website visitors compared with last year. This initiative continues to be an extremely valuable member benefit.

### **Membership Benefits**

As a reminder, Physician Partners has many resources available for you. Relevant resources include PPE and medical suppliers, remote IT, and Telehealth payment services. To learn more, please contact Mary Kay Bates at <u>mkbates@partnersdocs.com</u>.

### **Physician Updates**

- Dr. Behzad Taghizadeh opened a second practice location at 1855 1st Avenue, Ste 200B, San Diego 92103 (619) 582-2402
- Dr. Jesus Lao moved. His new service address is 6699 Alvarado Rd., Ste 2304, San Diego 92120 (619) 255-8800

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