

To All Shore Quality Partners Members,

We are pleased to provide our newsletter for February that continues to update the growth and success of Shore Quality Partners.

AmeriHealth Dinner March 11: As you all know, SQP has entered into a contract with AmeriHealth. On March 11, AmeriHealth is hosting a dinner to welcome Shore Quality Partners Primary Care Providers to the Community Advantage Plan. The dinner is at 6pm at Harbor Pines Country Club (500 St. Andrews Drive, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234). Discussion Topics to include: Community Advantage Network Steerage Product, Quality Metrics, Care Management Fees for PCPs, and Quality Bonus for SQP.

Please plan to attend and RSVP to Michelle Smith at 609-365-6260.

Care Coordination Team: SQP provides you with additional resources to help care for your complex patients. SQP's Care Coordination Team consists of a Social Worker, Care Expediter, Home Health Coordinator (RN), Diabetes Educator, and Data Analyst. Consider this team an extension of your office staff. Their services include: data analytics on your specific practice, your high risk patients, referral patterns, utilization of non-SQP facilities and comparisons to normative data, scheduling office visits for specialists/PCPS, home health coordination, diabetes education, and social work (community resources, support groups, noncompliant patients, social support, education, and transportation). The team's contact information can be found on the attached flyer & our website, www.ShoreQualityPartners.com.

Thank you to the following physicians for utilizing the Care Coordination Team: Dr. Bacarro, Dr. Mingione, Dr. Rodriguez, Dr. Cadacio, Dr. Pomeroy, Dr. Udani, and Dr. Rajput

Quality Data Registry: We are in the process of creating a quality data registry for each PCP to upload patient data on pertaining to the Horizon contract quality metrics. Be on the lookout for instructions for how to utilize the registry. This data registry will give us a baseline to where we stand with quality metric scoring for 2015 shared savings. As a reminder, below are the Horizon contract quality metrics:

Clinical Process: Pneumonia vaccination status for older adults, breast cancer screening, colorectal cancer screening, and cholesterol mgmt. for adults with cardiovascular disease

Clinical Outcomes: Diabetes: LDL-screening & diabetes – HbA1c testing

Clinical Measures: Comprehensive diabetes care – HbA1c control (<8%), comprehensive diabetes care - LDL-C control (LDL-C<100 mg/dL), comprehensive diabetes care – blood pressure control (<140/90)

Patient Experience: ACO Survey: getting needed care, getting care quickly, and an 8-10 rating of personal doctor

Primary Care Physicians Increased Rates for E&M Codes: PCPS-If you have submitted your signed rate letter back to Horizon, you should be getting reimbursed 90% for E/M codes 99213, 99214, 99215, 99395, and 99396. If you submitted your letter and have not seen the fee bump, please call Laura Mateer, Provider Relations, at 653-3500 x2405.

With Best Regards,

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Chairperson on behalf of the Board of Directors of SQP