SHORE QUALITY PARTNERS

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By Physicians, For Physicians

To All Shore Quality Partners Members,

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

SQP Annual Meeting Recap 3/19: Thank you to all who attended the annual meeting. A recap of SQP's current state and goals accomplished in the past year was presented. Dr. Ray Fabius from Jefferson University Population Health Center presented "Preparing for the Transition in Healthcare". Elections for the 2015 Board of Directors took place. Thank you to all the nominees in the 2015 Shore Quality Partners Board of Directors election. The Class A Directors are as follows: Desiree D'Angelo-Donovan, DO, Leonard Galler MD, Jerry Horowitz, DO, Steven Nachtigall, MD, Jon Pomeroy, DO, Gary Raab, DO, Charles Roche, MD, Angelo Sparagna, MD, and Thomas Yu, MD. The Class B Directors are as follows: David Hughes, Ron Johnson, and Mark Stephens.

AmeriHealth Kick Off Recap 3/11: AmeriHealth came to discuss the Community Advantage Plan product and the AmeriHealth contract with Shore Quality Partners Primary Care Physicians. AmeriHealth reviewed the structure of our contract, and the Quality Metrics & Incentive Program with SQP. The Community Advantage Network includes Shore Medical Center, Cooper, and Cape Regional. To learn more about the AmeriHealth SQP arrangement, visit our website http://shorequalitypartners.com/payers.

Care Coordination Team Welcomes Allison Travers, RD: Shore Quality Partners is proud to welcome the newest member to the Care Coordination Team, Allison Travers, who is a Registered Dietitian. Allison is available to consult on any SQP patient. Her services include: Conducting initial comprehensive nutritional assessments for each individual patient to determine patient's diabetic needs; provide in depth, and individualized, medical nutrition therapy; create achievable and obtainable nutritional interventions; promote gradual weight loss; educate on ways to attain and succeed with a healthier lifestyle; and host Diabetes support groups. Her contact information is below. To utilize her services or any member of the Care Coordination Team, please complete the attached form and fax it back.

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Diabetic Care Coordination UPDATE: Diabetic Eye Care by Jon Pomeroy: Early detection of diabetic retinopathy depends on educating diabetic patients, their families, and health care providers about the importance of regular eye examination even though the patient may not be symptomatic. Timely treatment of retinopathy is important! The screening process for diabetic retinopathy includes a complete medical history and a thorough ophthalmic examination. An effective screening program can determine who needs close follow-up, treatment, or simply requires annual screening. Type 1 diabetics should have annual eye examinations for diabetic retinopathy beginning five years after disease onset. Type 2 diabetics should have a prompt eye examination at the time of diagnosis, then at least yearly examinations thereafter.

We have several ophthalmologists within Shore Quality Partners available for consultation for your diabetic patients. You can find the most current roster on our website, www.ShoreQualityPartners.com Our care coordination team can help expedite appointments and encourage compliance with follow up.

Care Point Contract Update: Shore Quality Partners has been approached by a new company, CarePoint Health Plan about contracting for a Medicare Advantage PPO for Atlantic and Cape May counties starting in the fall. The product offers 100% coverage for in-network facilities & 70% coverage for non-network facilities, zero premiums, and no PCP referral authorizations. There is also a $9 per member per month care management payment for each participating SQP PCP provider.

Benefits to SQP Physicians include: SQP and Shore Medical Center will be Tier 1, CarePoint will pay 100% Medicare for Medicare, and when they reach 2,000 lives in Atlantic County they will work with us to build a shared savings agreement.

The Shore Quality Partners Board of Directors has endorsed individual physicians to contract with CarePoint. Representatives from CarePoint Health Plan will be reaching out to you in the near future if they haven't already done so regarding contracting. Please sign and return their contract as soon as possible. If you have questions regarding the contract, you can contact myself or Marguerite Cornman, who is the Atlantic County Provider Representative/Network Recruiter with CarePoint. Her direct phone number is (201) 687-0710.

With Best Regards,

Steven P. Nachtigall, M.D.

Chairperson on behalf of the Board of Directors of SQP