

*By Physicians, For Physicians*

To All Shore Quality Partners Members,

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

***SQP New Office Location:***

The SQP team has relocated to **415 Shore Road, Somers Point**, the old SMC Dialysis building. Contact information for the staff is below:

**Mike Miller | Data Analyst | 609-365-6261**

**Chris Wodazak, CMA | Care Expediter | 609-365-6228**

**Luz Valentin, MSW, LSW | Social Worker | 609-365-6265**

**Allison Travers, RD | Registered Dietitian | 609-365-6207**

**Kelly Filer, RN | Diabetes Education/Home Health Coordinator | 609-365-6206**

***SQP Point Person at PCP offices:***

PCP's: Please appoint an individual in your office to be the SQP contact to work with the Care Coordination Team. It is important that your staff understand SQP and the requirements for your SQP patients. **In a recent analysis, we concluded that 12% of admitted SQP patients are readmitted to the hospital within 30 days.** SQP will work with your office contact to schedule timely follow up appointments for discharged SQP patients to prevent 30 day readmissions. We will provide guidelines for what is required and the expectations.

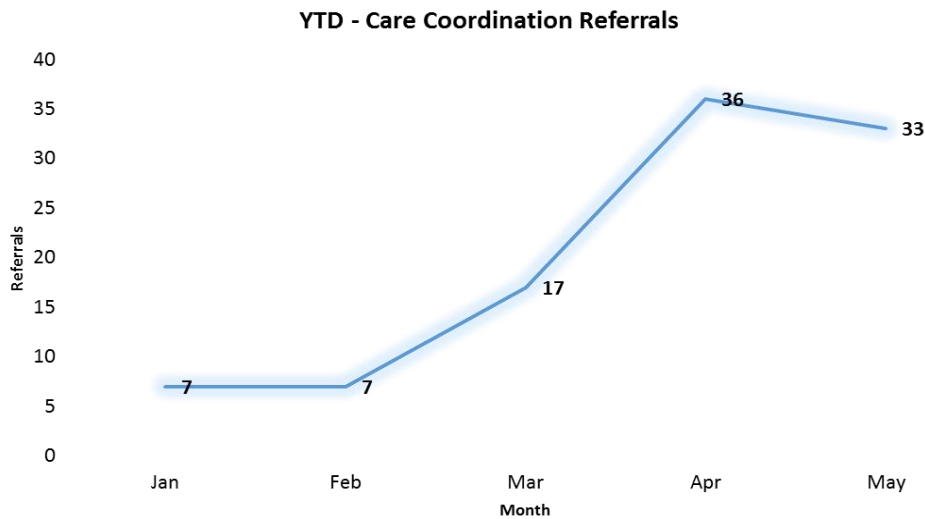
***\*Coming Soon Diagnosis Coding Tip Sheet:***

SQP has developed a diagnosis coding tip sheet to enhance your opportunities to benefit from shared savings and to improve coding. You will receive this in a separate mailing coming soon.

***Care Coordination Team:***

SQP's dynamic care coordination team is here to help care for and coordinate care for your high risk patients in the SQP population. The team is composed of a Social Worker, Care Expediter, Registered Dietitian, and Diabetes/Home Health Coordinator. The team has been very successful in diabetic education, counseling, discharge follow-ups, assisting with psychosocial needs, and expediting patient

appointments for SQP patients. Thank you to the physicians who have been referring to our team, the program has been growing rapidly. For those who have not taken advantage of this benefit, please utilize this team to help provide care for your complex patients.



To consult with the Care Coordination Team, please fill out and fax the Care Coordination Referral Form. The form is attached to this email, and can also be found on our website home page <http://shorequalitypartners.com/>.

***Veritas-Chronic Care Management:***

CMS is now allowing physicians to receive monthly reimbursement for Chronic Care Management (CCM) services under code 99490. Veritas' patient-centric CCM solution is headed by a team of care managers that are trained and ready to address your practice's needs in order to meet CMS requirements for reimbursement of CCM services. By utilizing your practice's established electronic health record, Veritas can extract the necessary clinical summary to act as the foundation to develop a customized care plan to meet your patient's needs. Veritas will provide the clinical, management, and documentation services to ensure that the required elements for reimbursement are met. Because Veritas offers these services for a monthly fee below the average Medicare reimbursement rate, providers can enjoy a new monthly revenue stream directly into their practice. SQP is in the process of contracting with Veritas. More information will be coming soon.

With Best Regards,

Steven P. Nachtigall, M.D.

Chairperson on behalf of the Board of Directors of SQP