

KC PA Newsletter

Informed Care. Better Health. Lower Cost.

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Notes from the CEO

Great news! KCMPA-ACO was approved for a second three-year contract with the Medicare Shared Savings Program. Announcement of the news beyond our own participants is embargoed until further notice from CMS, so please don't share this news outside of KCMPA.

We added several new Tax ID numbers to the ACO for 2016. New practices are: Consultants in GI, MAWD Pathology, Henry Kanarek, MD (allergy and immunology), and North Kansas City Hospital (just the hospital, not the physician group). Blue River Medical Group and Landmark Medical Center both sold to health systems and will not be part of the ACO in 2016. Barry Pointe has joined Signature Medical Group and will not be part of the ACO after 2016. With all of these changes, the number of beneficiaries attributed to KCMPA-ACO is just under 12,000 patients; about 1,000 fewer than our previous contract.

Participation in the Medicare Shared Savings Program is important to KCMPA for many reasons:

1. a large population of patients to develop tactics to improve quality and lower utilization and cost
2. access to claims data to better understand utilization and cost of care within our community across providers
3. legal structure within which our independent groups can design other collaborations
4. understanding of risk contracts to prepare for future commercial and federal opportunities
5. the possibility of shared savings is another reason, but it is not the primary reason we remain involved. The financial reward for participation in KCMPA and the ACO is likely to come from other projects, not directly from the MSSP.

2016 is sure to be another exciting year for KCMPA. The work we are doing with our primary hospitals and with Blue KC have the potential to take KCMPA to another level of sustainability and usefulness to our members. I look forward to working with all of you. Happy New Year!

Upcoming Meetings

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KCMPA & KCMPA ACO Board of Directors Meetings

Thursday, Jan 7th at 6:30
PM at KC Medical
Society.

KCMPA Webinar Series

– Topic: End of Life
Planning. Tuesday, Jan
19th, 12:00-1:00. [Register
here!](#)

Quality Improvement Committee Meeting

Thursday, Jan 21st at 5:30
PM by conference call.

IT Committee Meeting

Tuesday, Jan 26th at 9:00
AM by conference call.

Care Team Consortium

Friday, Jan 29th at 8:00
AM at Sunflower Heart-
land Office.

[Click here for a list of
2016 meetings](#)

Innovations at the Clinic

Creating a High Performing Team

High performing practices recognize that the key is having a high performing team. Creating and maintaining a high performing team requires on-going training and coaching. What are you doing to actively cultivate your high performers? Do you have a plan for training and coaching? Providing opportunities for learning and engaging in skill building will result in innovative and creative ideas. Training plans don't have to be complicated but can be achieved by simple activities such as adding an educational topic to your monthly staff meeting, or assigning webinars and journal articles.

KCMPA offers a variety of educational opportunities such as the monthly Care Team Consortium, monthly webinars, YouTube videos, and a monthly newsletter.

<http://www.physicianspractice.com/staff/improving-performance-medical-practice-staff>

Announcements:

If you're interested in being featured in a member spotlight either in the newsletter or at a board meeting, please contact [Kerri Craven](#) to setup a date. Complete the [Member Spotlight template](#) and return it to Kerri.

Compliance Corner

The Office of Inspector General offers free educational resources to help health care providers, practitioners, and suppliers understand the health care fraud and abuse laws. These materials can also provide ideas for ways to cultivate a culture of compliance.

In addition, KCMPPA offers a sample compliance plan as an additional tool. If you have any questions about your plan or need guidance, please contact Kerri Craven at kerri.craven@kcmetrophysicians.com for assistance or visit <http://oig.hhs.gov/compliance/101/index.asp>.

Resources at your Fingertips

[Community Resource Guide](#)

[TRIA Medication Management](#)

[Referral Guide to KCMPPA Practices](#)

[Low Income Resources](#)

Dietician and Certified Diabetic Educator-[Melissa Leslie](#).

PCMH Facilitation and Renewal assistance – [Cindy Campbell](#).

Smoking Cessation Materials Request– [Kerri Craven](#).

Please visit our [website](#) and connect with us on social media!



End of Life Counseling

For years providers engaged in advanced care planning and end of life discussions with their patients without getting paid for it. However, as part of the 2016 Medicare Physician fee schedule, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid will begin reimbursing healthcare providers for end of life counseling.

According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, about three quarters of the people who die each year are 65 or older, making Medicare the largest insurer at the end of life. Having end of life discussions is critical to providing high quality of care. The counseling is intended to discern the type of treatment an individual wants in their last days.

CPT code 99497 covers a discussion of advance directives with the patient, a family member, or surrogate for up to 30 minutes. An additional 30 minutes of discussion takes the add-on code of 99498. Medicare will pay roughly \$86 for 99497 and \$75 for 99498 when the counseling occurs in a physician's office.

Resources:

[Medicare Approves Payment for End-of-Life Counseling](#)



Patient-Centered Medical Home Tips

In the patient centered medical home, care team members are provided on-going training in managing the patient population and addressing needs of the patients and families proactively. By attending the monthly Care Team Consortium, care team members will increase their knowledge on a variety of topics from population health to various resources available to patients. The Care Team Consortium is open to all members of the care team. It is held on the last Friday of the month from 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM. Click [here](#) for a full schedule of dates and locations.



PRACTICE SPOTLIGHT: APRIL 2014

Silverstein Eye Centers is a full service eye care practice, specializing in cataract surgery, premium lens implantation, LASIK/PRK laser vision correction, corneal transplantation, medical and surgical glaucoma, diseases of the cornea and retina, dry eye, diabetes-related eye conditions, macular degeneration and general ophthalmology.



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For your patients' convenience, the Blue Ridge Surgical Center is located in the same building as our Kansas City/Independence office.

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A special thank you to the KCMPPA practices who are paying monthly dues!

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[Dues Information!](#)