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## Reminder – Contest to Close Gaps in Care – \$5,000 Up for Grabs

Quality scores are integral to the success of an ACO. The Silver State ACO team, including quality coordinators, helps by identifying opportunities and ideas for closing gaps in care. Last year, we ran a contest for groups to improve their scores. The added incentive helped and the contest was successful. So, we are expanding the contest this year.

There will be a \$1,000 cash prize for the practice that completes the most screenings in each of five categories by October 31<sup>st</sup>: Depressions Screenings, Fall Risk Assessments, Diabetic Eye Exams, Colorectal Cancer Screenings, and Breast Cancer Screenings. A practice may win in any one – or all five – categories. That could mean anywhere from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for your practice. (YOU decide who gets it).

One month to go. These screenings are good for the patient and good for closing gaps in care. They could also be really good for your practice! Talk to your quality coordinator for more details, helpful hints and assistance.

## Shared Savings Payments

CMS had predicted that by the end of September they would distribute funds to those ACOs that were successful and earned shared savings for 2017. As this newsletter “goes to press” we have just been notified that those funds have been received by our bank. It will take a few days for checks to be drawn. Practices who were part of Silver State ACO in 2017 should expect to receive their share of the Shared Savings Earned within two weeks. Congratulations!



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*This is a good time to remind you that year-end 2018 is quickly approaching. There's still time to close gaps in care. Don't wait for the last minute to talk to your SSACO Quality Coordinator. You can even win \$\$ for closing the gaps (see Contest, above). Be sure you're prepared to file Promoting Interoperability (previously known as Advancing Care and, prior to that, as Meaningful Use). SSACO cannot file that on your behalf.*

*Let's work together to earn Shared Savings for 2018 – that would be four years in a row!*

### **Final Practice Meeting for 2018**

*Mark your calendars. Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at Summerlin Hospital. Join us for the morning session at 7:30 or the lunch session at 11:30. Come meet the ACO staff and other Participants. You will certainly learn something. Maybe you'll even win a prize. (In fact, in the past two years, the Board of Directors has shown its appreciation to those who've attended practice meetings, by sharing some of the Shared Savings Earned with them. Who knows? Perhaps they'll do it again and Christmas will come early to you, as well.) RSVP would be appreciated. (Add the words "Count me in" in your response and we'll enter your name to win a prize).*

### **SSACO Chairmen of the Board**



*At the October, 2018 meeting of the SSACO Board of Directors, Dr. Clifford Molin, current Governing Body Chairman of the Board, expressed his gratitude to Dr. Larry Allen, former Chairman who served from 2014 to 2017. Above, Dr. Molin, right, presents a certificate to Dr. Larry Allen. Larry Preston, CEO, looks on.*

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## Important

*Giving staff or beneficiaries the availability to ask questions or share concerns or issues without fear of retribution is very important. It allows them to bring matters of concern to the attention of those responsible for preserving the integrity of data, systems and people. For this reason, Silver State ACO maintains a compliance line. The number has changed. Please note it and post it in your office.*

*Silver State ACO Compliance Line: 702-751-0834*

## From our Preferred Provider – Nathan Adelson Hospice



*This November, Nathan Adelson Hospice celebrates 40 years of caring for Southern Nevada. Over the years, we have seen many changes and amazing growth in the healthcare field. We always strive to be innovative and have been recognized as a leader in our industry. NAH shares the goal of the SSACO to enhance the quality of care for patients while at the same time reducing unnecessary expense.*

*At our core is our commitment to our patients. We recognize the challenges patients and their families have when it comes to end-of-life care and we dedicate ourselves daily to meeting their needs. We work to educate and bring awareness to planning for providers as well as patients and their families, so that decisions are not made in a crisis. Our Advance Care Planning materials are available at [www.decidingtomorrowtoday.org](http://www.decidingtomorrowtoday.org) as one way we support our community and our valued healthcare partners with user friendly, no cost tools.*

*In our preferred partnership with SSACO, we know that it is vital to make sure our medical provider partners and their patients have seamless coordination and communication to ensure patients' needs are met. We look forward to the next 40 years of caring for Southern Nevada and providing needed resources for everyone at SSACO and those in their care. For more information, please contact Matt Cox, Director of Referral Relations, at 702-218-1079 or visit our website at [www.nah.org](http://www.nah.org).*

## New Medicare Cards – Progress Update

*In keeping with a mandate in the 2015 Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) of 2015, and in an effort to prevent fraud, and protect the identities of people with Medicare, CMS announced new Medicare*

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Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) numbers. These numbers are randomly generated and designed to replace HIC Numbers which included the beneficiary's social security number. Both the HICN and the MBI will be accepted by CMS until December, 2019. Thereafter, only the eleven character MBI will be accepted.

CMS began mailing new cards to Medicare beneficiaries in April 2018, rolling them out by geographic location. Now it's our turn. CMS has begun mailing new Medicare cards to beneficiaries in Nevada.

CMS will conclude mailing all cards by April, 2019. If any of your Medicare patients say they did not get a card by then, ask them to:

- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). CMS will verify their identity, check their address, and help them get their new card
- Continue to use their current card to get health care services until they get their new card

Your Medicare patients should continue to protect their new number to prevent medical identity theft and health care fraud. CMS will continue to educate and raise awareness about potential scams and preventing fraud.

## Vegas Strong

As we commemorate the first anniversary of the tragic events of October 1, 2017, we express our heartfelt appreciation to all the first responders – professionals as well as those who were pressed into the position by the occurrences of that evening. They are all our heroes. With sad hearts we remember the fallen and the injured, and continue to pray for all those affected.

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