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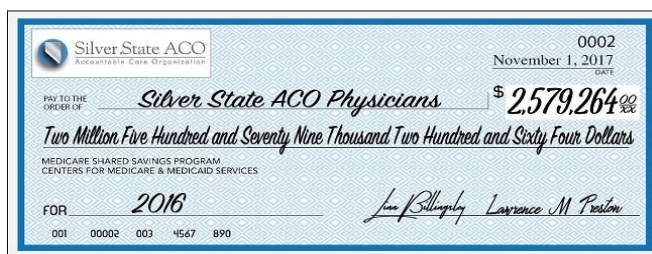
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Silver State ACO (“SSACO”) – Bigger and Better in 2018. We look forward to welcoming our new Participants. CMS will not yet allow us to publicly announce who they are. Look for the announcement in our February newsletter.

Everyone is Smiling

As reported in our November 2017 newsletter, Silver State ACO earned shared savings for 2016, for the second year in a row. Physicians of SSACO

received \$2,579,264. The physicians graciously agreed to set aside funds to help move SSACO forward, reward our best performers, and increase the probability of earning shared savings again. This includes money for IT support as well as additional educational opportunities and tools. And this year the physicians, once again, graciously offered to say “thank you” to those who attended the SSACO office staff meetings over the course of 2017. The smiling faces of those who received checks shows their appreciation. Come join them at our next staff meeting on January 31st.



Julie Friedman and Carrie Reilly (DCOM) – Happy to be part of SSACO!

All checks have been distributed to physicians and office staff – in time for the holidays. Thanks, again, to all those who helped us achieve the shared savings, and to the physicians for their generosity.

More smiles...

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First 2018 Office Staff Meeting

**Wednesday,
January 31st, 2018 –
Summerlin Hospital –
7:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.**

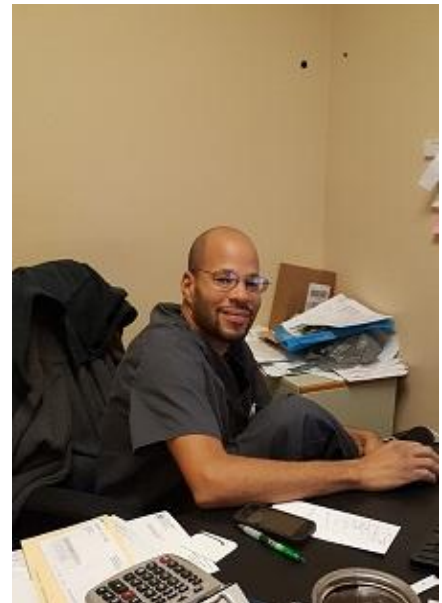
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Left: Susan Levine (Heart Center of Nevada)
Above: Gene Talley (Jateko Family Medical Group)

Office Staff Meeting

Be sure to join us at Summerlin Hospital on Wednesday, January 31st for our first 2018 Office Staff meeting. This meeting is important for new Participants as well as for those groups who have been part of SSACO. We'll discuss MIPS and quality measure guidelines for 2018 (presuming that CMS publishes them in time). It will be a good opportunity for you to ask questions or discuss issues. In addition, we will announce the winners of our three \$1,000 incentive payments to the group who completed the greatest number of 1) diabetic eye exams, 2) depression screenings and 3) fall risk assessments, as well as the winner of the December 2017 newsletter drawing.

We've scheduled two sessions – one from 7:30 – 8:30 am (we'll serve breakfast) and the other from 11:30 to 12:30 (lunch) to make it easier for everyone to attend. Please rsvp to Iran@silverstateaco.com. We look forward to seeing you there.

New Medicare Cards Are Coming

CMS will begin mailing new Medicare cards in April 2018. We now also know that the cards will be rolled out in phases by geographic location, so we can presume that many of your patients will receive them at the same time. Yikes! Be sure to talk to your EMR company so that you are ready.

For more details: [New Medicare Project website](#)

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Bruce Wiggins and Linn Billingsley, Vice Chairpersons of the SSACO Board of Directors, with Dr. Upinder Singh, CMO, out visiting participant offices.

Preferred Provider Network

Just a reminder that SSACO has a network of preferred providers – acute, sub-acute and specialists. These are groups who have been vetted and who have agreed to help SSACO provide excellent care, communicate clearly with SSACO, and help to control costs by providing the right care, at the right time, and in the right setting. By definition, all SSACO attributed beneficiaries are Medicare fee-for-service patients and, therefore, allowed to see any provider they'd like. However, we ask that our Participants refer within the preferred provider network to work toward better outcomes and at a lower cost. The network is periodically updated. Attached to this email is the most recent listing of Preferred Providers. The network has expanded and is now two pages. If you'd like hard copies of this "blue sheet", please let us know. We'll be happy to deliver some to your office. (Explanation: SSACO has been printing the Preferred Provider Network sheet on blue paper to help it stand out from everything else on your desk, so it's now become known as the "blue sheet". Apparently, it works.)



Silver State ACO Celebrates the Holidays

Fun at the office: Iran Rodriguez keeps us on our toes as SSACO's administrative assistant. Little did we know how talented she is – she "made" her sweater and won the Holiday Ugly Sweater Contest. With her is the winner of the Best Costume – our resident reindeer, Cinnabun, a Chiweenie belonging to COO Rhonda Hamilton.

Silver State ACO is proud to be affiliated with the Nevada Health Care Forum and the wonderful work they do. The Nevada Health Care Forum held their holiday mixer in Las Vegas on Thursday, December 7th. The event was great fun. Over 300 presents were donated by members of the medical community and were distributed to the children of the Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation on Saturday, December 9th. Watch the video: <https://youtu.be/Ma6LKsCQsUU>

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CME – Hurry!

We'd like to bring an education opportunity to your attention: Touro University Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine will be presenting a CME course on the new Nevada laws governing controlled substance use and abuse (AB474). Dr. Singh, SSACO CMO, recommends this seminar for all providers. Please note that the sessions take place in early January, so please don't procrastinate. You must register by Friday, January 5th to attend for free. For more information and to register: www.tun.touro.edu/cme18.

COMPLIANCE REMINDER

With the holidays behind us, we recommend that you start 2018 with some vital "housecleaning" projects. Set a schedule to review your systems and access. Start by identifying all systems to which staff have access. Then, one by one, review who has access and whether the access is really / still necessary. If possible, research how often / how recently the staff member has actually logged in. Reconsider whether the access is necessary. Once you determine if there are staff members who should not have access, immediately block access or notify the vendor to do so. Keep in mind that even if a staff member has left the practice and can no longer use the email used as a log-in name, you should still notify all vendors to block that email address.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

From All of Us at Silver State ACO

Thought for the New Year:

"Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties." Helen Keller (1880-1968), an American author political activist and lecturer, she was the first deaf and blind person to earn a BA degree.



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More Smiles...



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Brandi, Beverly and Ariel
(Thomas T. Chen, MD)

Right-
Susan and Carina
(Heart Center of Nevada)



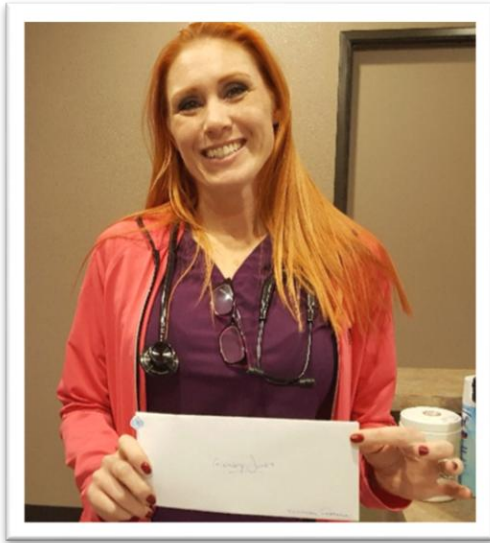
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Susan and Taylor
(CareMore Medical Group)



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Alex, Alysha and Petra
(Nevada Cardiology)



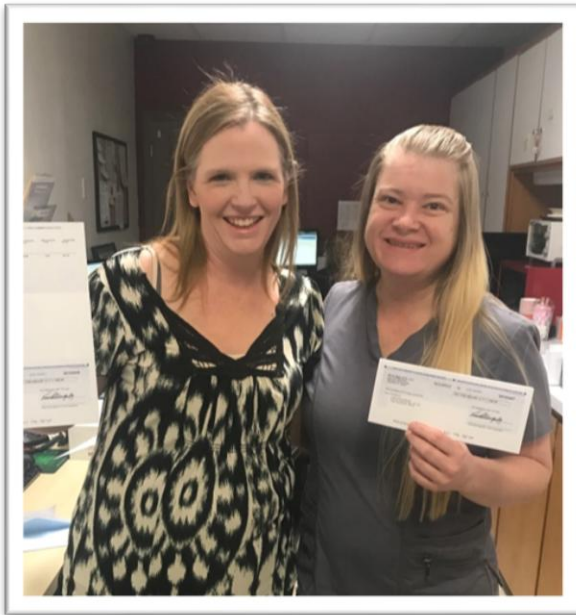
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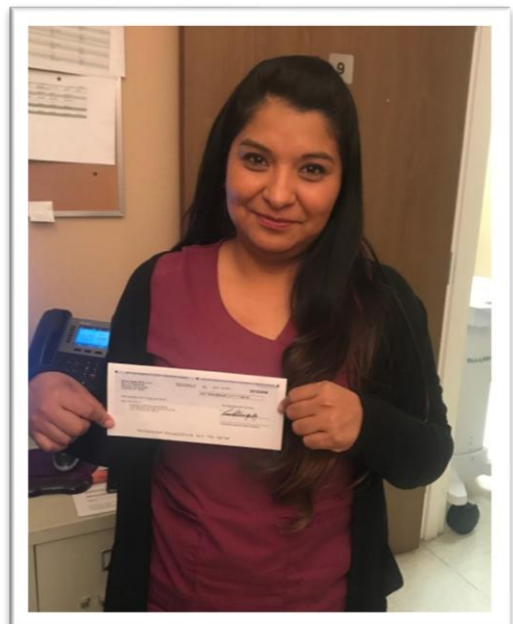


Right-
Kim (Forte Family Practice)



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Kim and Lori
(Calderon Medical Group)

Right-
Jasmin (Family Doctors of Green Valley)



Holiday Mixer



Jessica Shepard (Clinical Specialist Supervisor), Larry Preston (CEO), Holly Ames (Professional Medical Consultants), Rhonda Hamilton (Chief Operating Officer) and Todd Lefkowitz (P3 Health Partners)



Toys collected for the Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation



Victoria Vu (Professional Medical Consultants) and Bill Rogers



Gretchen Preston, Larry Preston (CEO) and Kathy Roberts



Bruce Wiggins (Vice Chairman & Co-Founder) and Mason Van Houweling (UMC)



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