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Focus on Fall (Screenings, that is)

The leaves are turning, the weather getting cooler. That tells most people that fall is here. Here at Silver State ACO it tells us that the time for quality reporting to CMS is fast approaching. Our Clinical and Quality Improvement staff are teaming up to help our practices “fill the gaps” in care. Many of our Silver State ACO Participant groups have gotten a gaps-in-care report to help identify missing data. Rhonda Hamilton, our Director of Quality Improvement and Education, has identified a “gap” which presents often. It is one of the easiest to complete and, when done, will increase your score– fall screening. Here’s a quick and easy form developed for patients to self-report for the fall screening required in wellness visits and quality measures reporting. We hope this helps you.

Fall Risk Assessment – Please circle one answer for each category

<i>Have you fallen in the past 12 months?</i>	Yes
	No
If yes, were you injured?	Yes
	No
If yes, did you seek medical treatment?	Yes
	No
	IF Yes, Where?
Do you use an ambulatory aid?	Furniture
	Crutches / Cane / Walker
	None / Bed Rest / Wheel Chair / Nurse

Date of Service: _____

Patient Name: _____

HICN: _____

Patient DOB: _____

Gender (Circle One): M F

We should note that the fall screening is the only measure that CMS approves for completion over the phone.

Remember that quality scores will affect the percentage that CMS will “share” with SSACO Participants, should there be savings. In other words, the more attention you pay to accurately documenting and completing the quality measures, the higher the SSACO’s overall score. This will translate to more dollars if we achieve savings for CMS and, perhaps, more of those dollars for you.

Where’s your money?

In our last newsletter we reported that only 22% of ACOs that started in 2014 earned shared savings for 2015. And, Silver State ACO is one of them. We are getting ready to distribute checks. Have you sent us your W-9s? Have you made an appointment for our team to come visit with your practice?

If you joined us in 2016 this should show you that *it can be done*. An ACO can reduce CMS spending, improve care and successfully file quality measures as a group. Please help us do it again! Make time for our clinical specialists and care coordinators to come to your office and help you in identifying patients who should have annual wellness visits and those who are high risk patients. Let our team guide and assist you through CMS requirements and documentation.

I know I saw that somewhere...

What was it? Details on Transitional Care Management visits and how to code them? Where to find a list of Annual Wellness Visits Not Done? Reminder on how to log in to Health Endeavors?

Could it have been in a previous Silver State ACO newsletter? If so – or if you’re not sure – have you checked the SSACO website? Links to all our newsletters are now available. www.silverstateaco.com. When was the last time you checked the website? We are constantly updating it and want to remind you that it is a great resource. If you think it can be “greater” – please send us your recommendations!

Hold the Dates: Practice Meetings for 2017

Wednesdays:

January 25, 2017

April 5, 2017

June 21, 2017

October 25, 2017.

Time (breakfast or lunch) and location to be announced. Please let us know if you have a preference. If you were at our last meeting you know that these meetings can be informative and pleasant. (We even had some nice surprises!)

Quotes: “We cling to our own point of view, as though everything depended on it. Yet our opinions have no permanence; like autumn and winter, they gradually pass away. Zhuangzi, 4th century Chinese philosopher whose quotes also include: “Happiness is the absence of striving for happiness”.