Newsletter

Silver State ACO
Accountable Care Organization

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HCC Scoring – What's that?

   That – HCC scoring – is important. HCC stands for Hierarchal Condition Coding. CMS created HCC scoring as a means to "adjust risk" by, amongst other things, identifying how sick your patients are. Coding and documenting properly can be very beneficial to your practice – both independently and as part of Silver State ACO. Don't worry if you don't really understand HCC scores or even if you know nothing about them. Silver State ACO to the rescue! SSACO is offering HCC training sessions during the week of September 11th. There is NO cost to you for this training and you can enroll as many people as you'd like – providers, billers, practice managers, etc.. The trainer *will come to your office* or, if you prefer, there will be two evening sessions, as well – Tuesday, Sept 12th and Wednesday, Sept. 13th –at 6pm (and, yes, we'll even serve dinner). You should have gotten emails about signing up. Even if you missed the emails, please be sure not to miss this fabulous opportunity to learn about HCC scoring, what it means for your practice and why it matters to the ACO. Please contact Silver State ACO (702-608-0417) immediately to set up your appointment for training.

Additional Incentive Payment – from the State of Nevada - for using Electronic Health Records

   In partnership with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Nevada Division of Health Care Financing and Policy is providing incentive payments to eligible providers as a means to promote the adoption of an approved electronic health records system. The adoption of an electronic health records system can significantly improve performance and patient healthcare delivery, resulting in better patient outcomes. You may receive up to $63,750 per provider in payments! In order to participate in the program, you must register with CMS **before September 30th, 2017**. Please reach out to the Health Information Technology team for more information, as well as guidance through the process. The Health Information Technology team can be reached via email at NV_Support@NVEHRSupport.com, or by telephone at 1-888-639-3452.

   What an opportunity! And, if you will be reporting Advancing Care or have filed Meaningful Use in the past, you may already have a lot of the data ready. You must be enrolled in NV Medicaid and use an EHR system. Note that this program is *in addition to any filings you may do, and any incentive payments you may earn, with the federal* government. For more information, go to : http://dhcfp.nv.gov/Providers/PI/EHRMain/

Hold the Date:

Final 2017 Office Staff Meetings

October 25, 2017 – **Spring Valley Hospital – 7:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.**

- *Meet other participants and SSACO staff*
- *Learn about the benefits you already have as a Participant in SSACO*
- *WIN PRIZES*

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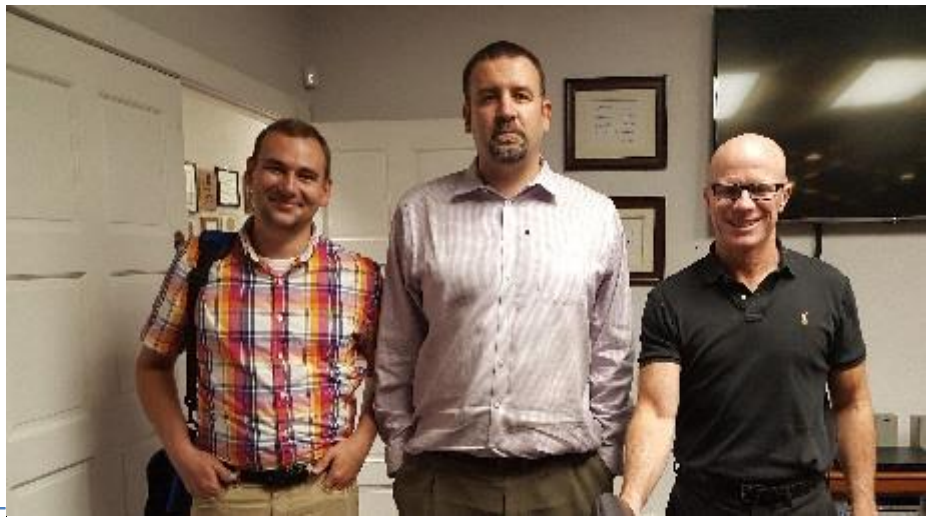
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Representatives from the Nevada Division of Health Care Financing and Policy, Matt, Davor and David, visiting the SSACO offices

REMINDER: There's still time to host Immunization Clinics and Increase your Quality Scores!

   In the May newsletter we introduced the immunizations clinics program which has been developed by SSACO in partnership with Smith's Pharmacy. As you know, both influenza & pneumococcal immunizations are CMS Quality Measures. The education and clinical specialist team at SSACO has helped organize an opportunity for you to create an "immunization clinic" - making it easier for the patients to get their shots, including influenza, pneumococcal and shingles.

   Smith's Pharmacy has agreed to *come to your office* at a date and time selected by your practice. Smith's will bring all their own supplies (including the vaccines and sharps containers). They will bill CMS directly, enter the data into Webiz and provide you with a roster of all vaccinations given for you to enter the data into your EMR. You will need to provide an exam room and notify your patients (at their visits, by posting a notice in the waiting room, making phone calls, etc.).

   Better for the patients (they get their immunizations) and better for the practice (improved quality scores).

Office Staff Meetings

SSACO will be holding office staff meetings only one more time in 2017. Mark your calendars to join us at Spring Valley Hospital on Wednesday, October 25th. There will be two sessions – one at 7:30 a.m. (breakfast served) and one at 11:30 a.m. (lunch served). Please join us, meet other members of SSACO, learn about updates to the program, results, and goals and expectations for 2018. If you send an email to Iran@silverstateaco.com with "RSVP for Oct. staff meeting" in the subject line, we'll also enter you into a special raffle – to be drawn at the meeting. We won't tell you what you'll win, but it's always something nice!

Welcome New Clinical Specialist

Please welcome *Estela Holloway*, newest Silver State ACO Clinical Specialist. Silver State ACO is dedicated to helping our Participants achieve outstanding quality scores. That takes a lot of work and know-how. Our clinical specialists review records, create gaps-in-care reports and help identify opportunities for their practices to increase revenue as well as quality scores.

Thought for the Day:

DON'T GET MAD IF YOUR PARENTS ASK "SIMPLE TECH QUESTIONS". THEY TAUGHT YOU HOW TO USE A SPOON

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