

Progress Report

February 3, 2010

Best Practice Seminars

1. Medicare Coding Update – Medicare deleted consult codes and implemented other coding changes. This seminar should help practices maximize revenue. **Tues., Feb 9, 12:15 p.m., Continental Rehab Hospital**

2. eRx changes for 2010

Qualifying for the Medicare bonus for ePrescribe is even easier in 2010. Webinars are scheduled for **Wed, Feb 17** and **Tues, Feb 23, 12:30 p.m.**

3. Getting to Know Your Colleagues - Physician Partners, VIP Health Connect, and Mercy Surgery Pavilion invite you to a Physician Wine & Cheese Mixer. **Thurs, Feb 25, 5:30 p.m., Scripps Surgery Pavilion**

4. How to Qualify for Federal Bonuses & Physician Mixer – Partners has identified 3 programs for Medicare bonuses. Learn how you can qualify for up to \$75,000 in Federal bonuses. A Physician Wine & Cheese Mixer follows.

Wed, March 3, 5:30 p.m., Alvarado Hospital

Scripps Employee Health Plan Administrative Change

Scripps Employee Health Plan changed claims administrators to HealthComp on 1/1/10. The new Provider Manual is available at: physician-partners.com.

Aetna Fee Schedule Update

Aetna accelerated the reimbursement increase scheduled for Sept 2010 to March 2010. Aetna also implemented the 2010 Medicare consult code changes. An Option Report will be sent to Participating members.

Now you can view the complete new Aetna fee schedule on the VIP Health Connect portal. Call us for more info or instructions on how to view.

Last Call → Qualify for 2009 Medicare PQRI Bonus

You only have two more weeks to take advantage of the 2% Medicare PQRI Bonus for 2009. Go to VIPHealthConnect.com for the discount coupon.

VIP Secure Messaging: 240+ Physicians

240 physicians are registered for the Secure Message Center. After sending a secure message, the recipient now receives an email alert, a hot link to the VIP portal, and an audit option to confirm the message was opened.

The Free Trial is available until April 30, 2010. Call to sign up.

Group Purchasing & Supply Savings

To help decrease costs, Partners is offering a new group purchasing program for medical, surgical, pharmaceutical and capital equipment. Savings of 15% have been reported. For info or prices, log on to www.esurg.com/partners.

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