

Progress Report

August 26, 2009

To EMR or Not... Join us on Sept 16

To help physicians understand some options available with "Meaningful Use" and Federal Bonus programs, Physician Partners is hosting "To EMR or Not".

A Mixer featuring hors d'oeuvres prepared by renowned chef Michel Stroot, chef emeritus of the Golden Door Spa, will accompany the education.

Wednesday, September 16, 2009 - 5:30 p.m.

West Auditorium, Scripps Mercy Hospital

RSVP: 619-260-7245

Federal Incentive Programs

There are now 3 federal incentive programs available for physicians.

<i>Program</i>	<i>Est. Incentive</i>	<i>Partners' Plan</i>
Medicare 2% eRx	est. \$3000 - \$5000/ yr.	Available
PQRI: 2 % bonus	est. \$3000 - \$5000/ yr	Pilot Project in Sept.
HiTech Stimulus Act	\$44,000 over 5 years	Program in Development

Partners is working on these programs. The programs can provide qualifying physicians with incentive revenue estimated at up to \$75,000.

Labcorp, Quest and San Diego Pathology → VIP

Labcorp, Quest & San Diego Pathology will participate in *VIP Health Connect*.

Directory of VIP Connected Physicians

The Directory of VIP connected physicians will be launched in September.

VIP Health Connect 101 Webinars

Join the connected healthcare community. Training is available every Tuesday and Thursday beginning Thursday, August 27 from 12:30 – 1:30 PM, through the end of September. Please call for more information and to RSVP.

Pilot Program: eReferral Connect

VIP Health Connect begins a 4-week pilot study of our new eReferral Connect program. Results of the study will be reported on our website.

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.

New Contract Rates - Aetna

New Aetna rates are effective Sept 15, 2009. An Option Report will be sent.

Welcome New Members

We welcome our 18 newest members: Drs. Elise Brown, Ramez Farah, Kelly Keefe, Sanjay Mehta, James Sbarbaro, Lawrence Schlitt, Calvin Wong, and Medical Group of North County physicians: Drs. Mark Adler, Sam Baroudi, Karen Cadman, Derek Helton, Charles Hergesheimer, Mary Jaramillo, Stuart Kipper, Neil Levine, Loren Novak, Rupa Subramanian, and Daniel Vicario.

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