

Progress Report

October 14, 2008

E-Prescribe Medicare Bonus

Beginning in 2009, Medicare will pay a 2% bonus to physicians who utilize an approved e-prescribe system. Partners is sponsoring the Allscripts e-PrescribeSM system with special benefits and group pricing on our new secure website, the *VIP Health Initiative*.

VIP Health Initiative

The *VIP Health Initiative*, Partners' new secure website, will offer physicians e-prescribing and outpatient lab reports on a patient-centric basis, secure messaging, administrative efficiencies, and other features utilizing a federated single sign-on. The *Initiative* is designed as a physician portal to improve physicians' workflow.

See photos from our E-Prescribe and *VIP Health Initiative* meeting at our website: www.physician-partners.com

Webinar *VIP Health Initiative & E-Prescribe*

Monday, Oct. 20, 4:30 & 5:30 PM
Call 619.260.7245 for information

New Contract Rates -- CIGNA

We are pleased to announce new CIGNA PPO rates effective 12/01/08. Option Reports will be sent soon to members.

Contract Updates & Option Reports

Option Reports have been sent for Aetna, First Health, and Prime Health PPO contract updates. Please respond promptly.

Practice Improvement Focus Reviews

Several member practices can participate in a new pilot study sponsored by Partners and PMA. The Focus Reviews will seek operating & financial improvements. For more information, call 619.260.7245

Saving on Vaccines & Sharps Disposal

Savings on Vaccine purchase and Sharps/Red Bag Waste Disposal are now available. To check out the savings, please call Rory at (866) 659-1750.

Welcome New Members

We welcome our newest members: *Drs. Pooya Attai, Roy Avalos, John Backman, H. Ward Brooks, Brian Carlos, Martin Charlat, Andrew Dennish, Pingfeng Du, Marc Effron, Ali Hamzei, David Kaminskis, Jan Kulhanek, Adrienne LaJoie, Ryan Lee, Donald Lipkis, Matthew Lucks, Scott Musinski, Robert Pace, Karen Saroki, David Shamblaw, Rebecca Smith, Janos Taller, Eric Thuen, and Carla Young.*

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