

Progress Report

November 6, 2008

VIP Health Initiative

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

50+ members have already submitted Letters of Interest. Special rates for early adopters will be offered until December 15, 2008.

Interactive webinars are scheduled – to RSVP, please call 619.260.7245.

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Webinar *VIP Health Initiative* & E-Prescribe

Monday, Nov. 10, 4:30 & 6:00 PM

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 4:30 & 6:00 PM

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 4:30 & 6:00 PM

E-Prescribe Medicare 2% Bonus

Medicare will pay a 2% bonus to physicians who utilize an approved e-prescribe system beginning in 2009. Check our website, www.physician-partners.com, for more information about the Medicare e-prescribe bonus.

New Contract Rates – CIGNA

We are pleased to announce new CIGNA PPO rates effective 12/01/08. Please return your Option Reports by November 21, 2008.

Payer Round Tables

Claudia Aechternacht, Beech Street, will present Beech Street's updates.

Thursday, Nov. 13, 2008 – 12:15 – 1:45 p.m.

Gail Lary, CIGNA, will present CIGNA's "Clear Claim Connection" website.

Thursday, Dec. 4, 2008 – 12:15 -1:45 p.m.

Continental Rehab Hospital

Practice Improvement Focus Reviews

Our new pilot study sponsored with PMA offers a Practice Improvement Focus Review to members who are seeking operating & financial improvements.

Saving on Supplies, Vaccines & Red Bag Disposal

Savings on Medical & Office Supplies, Vaccines and Red Bag Waste Disposal are now available. To check out the savings, call Rory at (866) 659-1750.

Welcome New Members

We welcome our newest members: *Drs. Rolf Drinhaus, Adam Ellis, Kent Feldman, John Greisman, Igor Jercinovich, Dennis Mayer, Mark Nelson, Venu Prabaker, Parag Sanghvi, Steven Shackford, Ronald Vanderheyden, Elaine Watkins, and Victor Wechter.*

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