

# Progress Report

December 4, 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.

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

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

### **Webinar *VIP Health Initiative* & E-Prescribe**

Tuesday, Dec. 9, 12:30 PM

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 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](http://www.physician-partners.com), for more information about the Medicare e-prescribe bonus.

### **Webinar: Summary of CMS's presentation on ePrescribing**

Tuesday, Dec. 16, 12:30 & 4:30 PM

### ***New Contract Rates – Multiplan and PHCS***

We are pleased to announce new Multiplan and PHCS rates effective 2/01/09. Look for Option Reports before the end of the year.

### ***Scripps Employees Health Plan Update***

Scripps Employee Medical Plans will now be administered by Aetna. Physician Partners rates will remain the same. New member ID cards are being issued, and more information is available on the Physician Partners website.

### ***Practice Improvement Focus Reviews***

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

### ***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: *Drs. Jason R. Lupton, David C. Ryan, and Cyrus Torchinsky.*

### ***Happy Holidays to All!***

In the spirit of the holidays, Management is making a donation to "Project Tomorrow" honoring our members and leaders.

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and the viability of private practice.***

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