

# Livingston Physician Organization

## IN THE NEWS

Fall 2010

### LPO BOARD MEMBERS:

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### LPO NEWS

The Annual Meeting was held at Ciao Amici's in Brighton on September 29, 2010. We would like to thank everyone that attended. It was well received meeting. The guest speaker, Linda Mackensen from PGIP, was very informative about the changes coming in health care.



It was unanimously voted, by the members present, to change LPO from a Limited Liability Partnership to a Limited Liability Corporation. This change does not bring about any tax changes, but does however provide more protection from liability.

### MY1HIE

We would like to thank all of the offices that have signed up to use the My1HIE portal. We understand that it has been a cumbersome implementation, but we think the benefits will be very helpful. There will be some refresher training offered in the near future.



Additionally, LPO offered an incentive, of \$1,500 earlier this year to offices that are actively using Wellcentive by the end of 2010. These payments will be distributed in early 2011.

### MCKESSON GROUP BUYING



Debbie Bernstein has worked out a group buying discount program with McKesson Medical. Each office will be able to purchase supplies for their individual offices at better pricing. Matt Pearsall is the McKesson representative that will be contacting your office. A letter was sent recently providing Matt's information. Please contact the LPO office with questions

### COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

LPO has assembled a Community Resource Guide. This binder includes services available in Livingston County for people in need. Included are areas as financial assistance, food assistance, prescription assistance, etc. If your office has not received one of these binders and would like one, feel free to contact the LPO office, we will glad to bring one to your office. The information in this binder works toward Patient Centered Medical (PCMH). To be certified PCMH, offices need to demonstrate and document that they provide their patients with the services available to those in need and follow up on the outcome of that referral.

### PHYSICIAN-PATIENT AGREEMENT

LPO will be visiting offices to audit the utilization of the Physician-Agreements. Earlier this year LPO sent out information as to how much can be earned per office for the percentage of use of the Physician Patient Agreement. Here again, this is an instrument that will be a requirement to be a Patient Centered Medical Home.

### SPECIALIST REFERRAL BINDER

LPO is currently working on a Specialist Referral Binder, similar to the Community Resource Binder that was distributed. This binder will include each LPO Member Specialist, the name of the practice, the office hours and location of the practice and any documents that the specialist physician requires of their patients. These binders will be distributed to every LPO Primary Care Physician office and any other specialist office that would like one. We would encourage LPO members to refer to other LPO members. This is a benefit to belonging to a Physician Organization.

### EMERGENCY ROOM REPORTS

A LPO PGIP incentive for 2010 was to research and reduce emergency room visits for patients. LPO has been preparing letters to the Primary Care Physicians who's patients have been utilizing the emergency room too frequently for non-emergent matters. We would like to physicians to use this information to contact their patients and encourage them to contact the physician office during normal business hours.

### PHYSICIAN PHOTOGRAPHS

Physician pictures were taken at the LPO General Meeting. If you have not had your picture taken, but have a photo that we can put on our website, please let us know. We will be contacting those whose pictures we do not have in an attempt to schedule another sitting.



### 2010 LPO ACCOMPLISHMENTS

LPO has been working on several projects throughout 2010.

- The partnership agreement was revised and updated.
- Several PGIP initiatives were selected to meet and the work involved to meet those initiatives.
- The staff was transitioned from consultants to employees. Job descriptions were created. Staff evaluations were designed and completed.
- A new computer was purchased for the office.
- Sponsoring meetings with BCN and Priority Health for the office managers for questions and answers.
- Sponsoring meetings with LPO and the office managers to inform offices of opportunities and incentives or how LPO can help their offices.
- My1HIE portal implementation and payments for license fees for e-prescribing.

### LPO QUALITY COMMITTEE

The LPO Quality Committee is meeting on November 30, 2010. The Quality Committee will be focusing on Health Literacy. If you have any other topics that this committee that you would like this committee to look into, please contact the LPO office.