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LPO NEWS

LPO is in the process of inquiring what offices would be interested in participating in a group health insurance with BCN. LPO will proceed with negotiations with BCN based on the interest.

LPO is working on a group buying guide in order to gain better pricing with many of the popular suppliers. Please let LPO know if you use a supplier that you are happy with and provides good pricing.



LPO will be coming out to offices to audit each office's participation with Physician/Patient Agreement.

LPO CALENDAR



September 16 - BCN Town Hall Meeting for all offices. 7:30– 9:30am at SJMLH Community Rooms 2 & 3.

September 22 - PH Town Hall Meeting for all offices. 8:30-10:30am at SJMLH Community Room 1.

September 29 - LPO Annual Membership Meeting 6:00 - 8:30 pm. Location will be forthcoming.

October 5 - LPO/Office Managers Meeting at SJMLH Location TBA. Please email or fax the LPO office if you have any agenda items.

MY1HIE UPDATE

LPO is currently scheduling offices for their My1HIE training. If you have not scheduled your training and would like to, please contact the LPO office. LPO is working on getting offices up and running for those that have completed the training. Also, if your office has been contacted for orientation, please contact the LPO office to set up a time.

LPO's goal is to have all My1HIE implanted offices to be utilizing Wellcentive as soon as possible.

JOURNEY FOR CONTROL

For any offices interested in a Diabetic educational program, there is an excellent one you can obtain from Merck. A direct link to the web site will be available on the LPO web site soon. Look at the top of the page for the tab. A representative from Merck will come out to your office if you want any help with your diabetic education. The program never mentions the drug company but is very easy for your patients to understand. They also have printed material that you can handout. Please call the LPO office for more information.



RETIREMENTS

LPO would like to wish Dr. Omel good luck with his retirement. Dr. Omel's retirement was effective April 1, 2010.



HOURLY DETROIT'S TOP DOCTORS

Hour Detroit's Top Doctors survey is accessible online now through July 29.

This year, the magazine will have voting done online. For convenience, accuracy, and reference, their voting form provides a "drop-down" list of doctor names (as listed with The State of Michigan).

To vote, go to the secure site at <http://www.hourtopdocs.com>, where the structure will allow one-time voting by state-licensed M.D.s and D.O.s in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, and Livingston counties. You will register using your state I.D. number. Registration takes less than a minute. A clickable help button is provided, should any questions arise.

As always, you are encouraged to vote for respected, qualified, and talented medical professionals - doctors to whom you would refer a loved one. (This survey should not be viewed as an opportunity for block voting.) The resulting list (published in Hour Detroit magazine in October 2010) will provide a valuable resource for readers seeking a physician to whom they may entrust their well-being.

A few questions that might arise: When the doctor enters his/her ZIP Code, is it tied to the state I.D. number or medical office location? It's the ZIP Code that appears on the State of Michigan list of registered physicians in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, and Livingston counties. Sometimes, that's a residential ZIP. When doctors go to the drop-down menu, does it show physicians listed by specialty and their primary affiliated hospital/health system? The drop-down list provides the name and city listed on doctors' state registration. Are doctors limited in the number of votes they may cast in each specialty? Doctors may name three different physicians per category, but may not vote for the same person more than once within a category.



M-CEITA

Helping Michigan Providers with EHR Adoption

The Michigan Center for Effective IT Adoption (M-CEITA) is Michigan's federally funded Health IT Regional Extension Center, and is dedicated to helping providers navigate the complex electronic health record (EHR) marketplace by offering neutral, unbiased information and technical assistance.

M-CEITA was formally established February 8, 2010, through an award made by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. M-CEITA exists to assist providers throughout the health IT adoption process, from selecting and adopting an EHR, to meaningfully using it to improve their clinical outcomes and meet the Medicaid and Medicare "Meaningful Use" adoption incentive criteria.

M-CEITA services are intended to help providers who recognize the potential of EHR technology to improve and streamline care, but need help to select "the right EHR system" and integrate the new technology into their already busy practices. For those providers that already have purchased an EHR, M-CEITA's services are intended to help them fully leverage the capabilities of the tool and receive meaningful use incentive payments.

M-CEITA will be calling on individual offices. If you are interested in having them come to your office, please call the LPO office and we will make arrangements for you. If you have any questions please feel free to call the LPO office.

