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LPO NEWS

We would like to wish you a happy new year. We are looking forward to another year of exciting opportunities and growth in 2011. We would like to thank all of our members for all of your support during 2010.

The members present at the annual meeting voted to change LPO from a Limited Liability Partnership to a Limited Liability Corporation. Becoming an LLC does not have any effect on our taxes, but does however provide more protection from liability. It was also voted by the Board that the official name of the Organization is LPO, LLC.

EHR INCENTIVE SEMINAR

LPO is sponsoring a seminar on EHR Incentives and Meaningful Use. The speaker is Henry L. Mayers, MCP, PMP, CPHIMS. The seminar is on January 12, 2011 at 6:00 pm in Comm. Rms 1, 2 and 3 at SJMLH. The fee is \$50 per office attending and the number of attendees per office is unlimited. Information on this seminar was sent out to each office. We ask that you fill out the registration information and return it to the LPO office as soon as possible. If you need another form or would like more information please contact the LPO office. A meal is included with the registration



LPO CALENDAR



January 12 - EHR Incentive and Meaningful Use Seminar 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at SJMLH Comm Rms 1, 2 & 3

February 9 - Priority Healthy Town Hall Meeting 8:30 am to 10:00 am in SJMLH Comm. Rm. 1.

February 12 - CPR Certification class, 8:00 to noon in SJMLH Comm Rms 1, 2 & 3

PGIP INCENTIVES AWARDED



LPO has completed the audits of the offices participating with the Patient-Physician Agreement. The incentive payment has been determined based upon those audits. The incentive awards for the offices participating with Wellcentive have also been determined. We would like to congratulate the offices that received incentive payments: ■ Dr. Ross Morell ■ Dr. John Vassallo ■ Dr. Lawrence LaFond ■ Byron Road Medical Group ■ Dr. Paula Berlin ■ Dr. Anna Dobracki ■ Dr. David Yanga ■ Dr. Norine Tracy ■ Dr. Chong Park ■ Dr. John Rasor ■ Internal Medical Specialists

PCMH

LPO is nominating three LPO member offices to become Patient Centered Medical Homes in 2011. The offices are Dr. Ross Morell, Dr. David Yanga and Dr. Norine Tracy. The PGIP office visits will be in January.

SIGNS FOR PATIENT ROOMS



LPO has created signs for our member offices to place in patient rooms. These signs serve as a reminder to patients to alert their Primary Care Physician if they have been to an ER or Urgent Care Facility, had any vaccinations, have seen any specialists, have had any changes to their medications, etc. If you would like any of these signs for your office, please contact the LPO office.

LPO QUALITY COMMITTEE

The LPO Quality Committee met 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.

TRANSITIONS OF CARE

LPO will be meeting with the St. Joseph Mercy Health System to discuss options for Transitions of Care. We recently sent out a questionnaire to our member Primary Care offices asking for preferences on mode of communication from the hospital to the physician office when a patient is seen in the ER. Your office should have received this questionnaire, please fill it out and return it to our office at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, please contact the LPO office.

SPECIALIST REFERRAL GUIDE

LPO has assembled a Specialist Referral Guide. This binder includes all LPO member specialists. Included in the binder is each physician in the practice, the office location and hours along with directions and a map. Many offices included paperwork that patients can fill out prior to their appointment that will assist the specialist office with patient care. 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 referral information and follow up on the outcome of that referral.



HAP



The LPO Board has decided, as an organization, not to contract with HAP in 2011. However, the Board has approved that individual offices can contract with HAP.

PRIORITY HEALTH DEADLINE



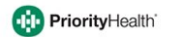
The Priority Health deadline to enter your 2010 information for PIP is February 18, 2011. Again, you are encouraged to not wait until the last minute to get everything in.

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

LPO is currently negotiating their contract with BCN. Details will follow once the Board has agreed to the contract.



The Priority Health contract was approved for two years; therefore there will not be negotiations until the end of 2011.



It has come to that attention of LPO that United Healthcare and Health Plus insurances now have patients in the Livingston County area. Debbie Bernstein is in the process of meeting with the staff of those organizations to decide on any options with either or both organizations.



PGIP INITIATIVES FOR 2011

LPO is pleased to announce that we have signed up for 18 PGIP initiatives for 2011. We will be sending out information outlining each of these initiatives and informing you of any assistance we will need from your offices in order to make these initiatives a success. We will also be analyzing payments received from 2010 initiatives attached to these initiatives and developing incentives for 2011.



BCN DEADLINE

This is a reminder that all 2010 BCN Health eBlue incentives must be filed by January 31, 2011 to qualify for 2010. You are encouraged not to wait until the last day to finalize all that you have to input.

