



Physician News Brief

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Active Medical Staff Meeting September 20 & Exclusive Flu Vaccine Clinic for Physicians Only

The next Active Medical Staff Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20 from 12:00 to 1:00 pm, with lunch served at 11:30 am in the Spencer T. Maidlow Education Center. Additionally, your physician liaisons will have an exclusive physician only Flu Vaccine Clinic available for your convenience.

Open Notes for Ambulatory Epic Users – Go Live November 12

Starting on November 12, 2016, progress notes will be available to your MyChart patients for those physician offices who use Epic. This means that once the encounter is closed, your MyChart patient can view your office note. This also includes documentation in telephone encounters.

We have 5 physicians that are currently allowing their patients to view their notes – they include Dr. Jorge Plasencia, Dr. Jill Paveglio, Dr. Dawn Johnson, Dr. Dominador Laynes and Dr. Rama Mulpuri. Please let us know if you would like to get started early!

Providing patients with access to physician-documented progress notes can have a positive impact on patient-centered care and improve patient accountability. Research studies conducted by the non-profit OpenNotes organization have shown improvements in patient compliance with their overall courses of treatment due to the transparency provided by sharing progress notes. For questions, please contact Lori Revard by email at lrevard@chs-mi.com

ICD 10 requirements

Effective October 1, 2016, the FY17 ICD10 CM (Dx) code set will be required for all inpatient and outpatient billing, as well as the ICD10 PCS for hospital billing. As you may recall, a one-year delay in the implementation of the ICD 10 code set was enacted for physicians last October; that freeze has elapsed. Additionally, the grace period for leniency of ICD 10 specificity on professional claims has ended.

Below are two resources that you may find helpful. These links will also be sent to all office managers as a reference tool. If you have any questions, please call Karla Mishler at 989.583.4186 or kmishler@chs-mi.com

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/Downloads/2017-ICD-10-CM-Guidelines.pdf>

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/Downloads/2017-Official-ICD-10-PCS-Coding-Guidelines.pdf>

Look for Nomination Ballots in your Email!

Please watch your mailbox for the nomination ballot for the 2017 and 2018 Department Chairs and Section Chiefs. These ballots were sent out via the U.S. Postal Service. Simply return the enclosed ballot with your nomination, in the return envelope provided, for the respective Department and Section. The ballots are due OCTOBER 7TH.

The Medical Staff Office attempts to keep the most up-to-date contact information possible on file. If you have changed your email, address or phone and/or want to verify that we have the correct contact information on file, please contact Leigh Ann Gabriel at 989.583.4133 or by email at Leigh.Gabriel@chs-mi.com.



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