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NEWS BRIEF

News about Covenant HealthCare from the Office of Physician Relations
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PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Physician Practice Manager Meeting - February 19

As a reminder, the next Physician Practice Manager meeting is February 19 from 7:45 – 9:00 am. The meeting will be held at the Mackinaw campus, in the Lower level conference room. Physicians, Office Managers and pertinent staff are welcome. The topic for this session will focus on the latest information regarding prior authorization for diagnostic tests, procedures, and surgery. Breakfast will be provided.

EMR UPDATES

New BPA for Patients Receiving Anticoagulants

On February 3, a new BPA (Best Practice Advisory) flag will be activated for patients receiving anticoagulants and when Laboratory Coagulation (PT, APTT) testing is requested.

There are three parts to the BPA; Warning, Last Recorded Results and a Check Box that defaults to add the therapeutic order. The ordering provider will need to manually remove the non-therapeutic order. This is a warning alert and can be overridden at any time. This BPA flag will help eliminate wasted nurse and physician time dealing with critical result calls on patients with non-therapeutic orders who are on anticoagulants and are not actually critical. For more information or questions, please contact Dan Warner at dwarner@chs-mi.com or 989.583.6746.

A Thank You from Dr. Cipullo

Thank you to the Medical Staff for your diligence in documentation. This last quarter had increases and improvements in documentation on Complex Comorbidities and Major Comorbidities.

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Changes to Face-to-Face Documentation for Home Health Care

CMS has made changes to the Face-to-Face documentation requirements for home health services. Please be aware when ordering home health services that the Face-to-Face requirement has not been eliminated. Per the new regulation, physicians must provide, upon request, documentation from their records that supports the certification of patient eligibility for home care services. To make this easier, VNA is continuing to ask physicians to either complete a paper form (provided by VNA) or the electronic form in Epic. For directions on how to use either of these options, contact Kathy Roberts at 989.799.6020.

NEW FACES

Welcome

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