

PHYSICIAN

NEWS BRIEF

BUSINESS UPDATES

Hospital Medicine Universal Pager 258-0099 is now “0” – Effective Immediately

To contact the Hospital Medicine Universal Pager*, Dial 0 (zero)

- State who you are paging, your name, dept. & the number to call
- The operator will then page the Hospital Medicine Physician
- After 15 minutes with no response – repeat.

*Continue to use Assigned Pager number for specific physicians 7am-7pm

For any questions or concerns, please contact Hospital Medicine Coordinator, Greta Arndt at 989.583.4263.

June Active Medical Staff Meeting Rescheduled for July 13

The Active Medical Staff Meeting in June is cancelled due to the remodel of Cooper Lecture Theatre. The meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, July 13th from 12:00 to 1:00 pm, with lunch served at 11:30 in Cooper Lecture Theatre.

ICD-10 Prep Focus: Physician Practice Manager Meeting- June 18

Reminder to attend the next Physician Practice Manager Meeting on June 18 from 7:45-9 am. Meeting will be held at Mackinaw Lower Level Conference Room. Join us as Karla Mishler, Manager in the HIM Department, provides tools for your office and best practice suggestions regarding the transition to the new detailed coding system. She will explain the differences in the new diagnostic codes being implemented along with the timeline for preparation.

Physicians, practice managers and/or designated staff are welcome. For questions, please contact Maryvonne DeSmyter at 989.583.4040.

EMR UPDATES

Medicare Eligible Professionals: Take Action by July 1 to Avoid 2016 Medicare Payment Adjustment

Eligible professionals that did not successfully participate in the Medicare EHR Incentive Program in 2014 can avoid the 2016 payment adjustment by taking action by July 1 and applying for a 2016 hardship exception.

To file a hardship exception, you must:

- Show proof of a circumstance beyond your control.
- Explicitly outline how the circumstance significantly impaired your ability to meet meaningful use

The hardship exception applications and instructions for an individual and for multiple Medicare eligible professionals are available at <http://www.cms.gov/> -keyword EHR Incentive Programs. This outlines the specific types of circumstances that CMS considers to be barriers to achieving meaningful use, and how to apply.

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Outpatient Diabetes Program Improved Outcomes for Patients

Our diabetes partnership has made great strides! Through our combined effort and those of your patients, we have improved our quality outcomes. For the past year, there have been the following improvements: 1.9 % A1C reductions, 12 pound average weight loss, 35% reduction in total Cholesterol, 28 % reduction in LDL, and a 16 point reduction in systolic blood pressure. In setting and achieving personal goals, patients reported the following: 74% had their A1C done, 79% received a dilated eye exam, and 48% a foot exam. These were done after completion of our program.

Thank you for this partnership. We are committed to improving the lives of people with diabetes. Any questions, please contact Covenant Outpatient Diabetes at 989.583.5193.