

MEDICAL DIRECTORS NEWSLETTER



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“Teaching is more than imparting knowledge; it is inspiring change. Learning is more than absorbing facts; it is acquiring understanding.”

– William Arthur Ward, Author



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What My Patient Taught Me

Dr. Ashley Sens, CMO, Woodland Memorial Hospital

In my role as Chief Medical Officer for Woodland Memorial Hospital, I am sometimes asked to meet with patients whom physicians and nurses are concerned may decide to leave the hospital prior to the treating team feeling they are safe to discharge. When I get involved, it is typically because...

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Breaking News

Partnership Removes Prior Authorization Requirements for Many Imaging Studies

Partnership HealthPlan’s Medical Directors did an exhaustive review of imaging studies currently requiring prior authorization and is removed TAR requirement for studies with a low probability of being inappropriately ordered. Effective immediately...

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Physical Therapy Now Available for Direct-to-Member for Ages 18+

Partnership now has a TeleMed2U Physical Therapist available to your patients via Direct Telehealth Specialty Care (Direct-to-Member). Note, a TAR is required for this specialty after 12 completed visits in 12 months, see process...

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Undercounting of American Indian Population

Two years ago, Partnership first stratified Quality Outcome data based on the race/ethnicity we received from DHCS. As noted in prior newsletters, this data showed that outcomes were much worse for the self-identified American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) population than for any other racial group. This prompted Partnership to launch a Tribal Engagement Strategy to build relationships with the 21 Tribal health centers and their associated 51 individual tribes, so that we can work...

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MCO Tax: Status Update

Many health care leaders in California are talking about the Managed Care Organization (MCO) Tax. We have found that many are not clear on what is going on now, when the new revenue will be coming, and what the impact of the 2024-25 budget deal affected how the MCO tax revenue is directed. Here are some highlights...

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Partnership Educational Opportunities

Supervising Community Health Worker Provider Webinar

Thursday, October 3, 2024

Noon to 1 p.m.

[Click here to register](#)

Partnership staff will review how providers can contract as a Supervising CHW/P/R Provider as well as review the new APL. Join us to hear more about allowed services, billing requirements and how your CHW/P/Rs can provide services to Partnership members.



ABCs of Quality Improvement – Fairfield

Thursday, November 7, 2024

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Partnership HealthPlan of California

4605 Business Center Dr.

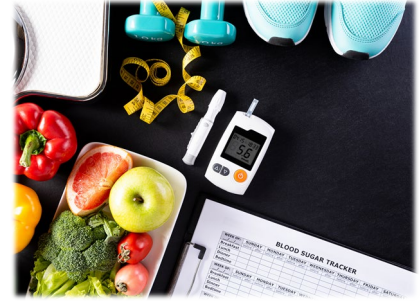
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Diabetes Care Program

Managing diabetes can lead to frustration for patients and cannot be solved with quarterly visits. TeleMed2U has combined a care team approach with remote patient monitoring to provide real-time coaching and education for effective self-management of diabetes.

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We thank you for all you are doing to help the vulnerable members of our community!

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To help our members, and the communities we serve, be healthy

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