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An update and some information:

1. BCBSM recently announced a change in PCMH designation dates changing the effective dates from 7/1/ - 6/30 to 9/1 -8/30. Details below – basically, BCBSM is moving the timeperiod to allow more time to check the data to prevent the errors that have occurred the last couple of years.

Over the past two years, the identification of missing data related to PCMH Designation, Clinical Quality Value-Based Reimbursement, Provider Delivered Care Management and/or the Clinical Quality Initiative, required Value Partnerships to rerun the data, leading to changes in the PCP-level VBR results and PO-level CLQI results. To avoid these issues in the future, Value Partnerships is changing the 2018 schedule to allow additional time to review the completeness of the data prior to running and releasing the final results.

Effective this year, all new PCP VBR (PCMH Designation, Clinical Quality VBR, PDCM, Cost Benchmark and Advanced Practice) will be effective September 1, 2018-August 31, 2019. (This September-August schedule will remain in effect in future years.) PCPs currently receiving VBR will continue to receive the same level of VBR until August 31, 2018.

Value Partnerships will release the PCMH designation results, CQ VBR results and overall VBR results to the POs in mid-August 2018. Below are some answers to frequently asked questions about the schedule change:

*Question:* Why is Value Partnerships changing the schedule for awarding PCP VBR?

*Answer:* In the past two years, Value Partnerships has had to re-release the PCMH Designation, CQ VBR, PDCM and/or CLQI results. This was disruptive and burdensome for POs, who had to notify PCPs of changes in results. It was also challenging and dispiriting for the staff in Value Partnerships and Health Care Value Data Analytics. The goal of the schedule change is to build in additional time to review the data and avoid the need to reissue results.

*Question:* How is Value Partnerships changing the data review process?

*Answer:* Health Care Value Data Analytics will validate data at the PO level – in collaboration with select POs – to identify possible gaps or missing data. The PCMH Designation and CQ VBR analytics will not proceed until this additional data review step is completed.

*Question:* How will the schedule change affect PCPs currently receiving VBR (since their VBR expires on June 30, 2018)?

*Answer:* PCPs currently receiving VBR will have their VBR effective date extended until August 31, 2018.

2. There is an upcoming Diabetes Prevention Program class being taught by Area Agency on Aging. The flyer is attached. This is the CDC approved program and can be very successful for your patients. There is no cost for this program.

Thank you,

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