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NEWS and NOTES from NPO

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CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE UPDATES

SAVE THE DATE - CMEs AVAILABLE

NPO brought Judge Jodi Debbrecht-Switalski to an Accountable Care-Physicians Partnering Meeting this past May and the response was incredibly positive. NPO is bringing her back for some follow up sessions in September where she will present "Litigation Trends When Prescribing Controlled Substances and Tools to Protect Yourself, Your Practice and Your Community".

From Dr. Peter Sneed:

"This is a talk I saw about 4 months ago and at the end of the talk I said to myself and others who attended (not many); This is something that every person in our country between ages 10-100 should experience. It's more than just how to prescribe or not prescribe opioids. It can be applied to any addiction, what to look for, how to recognize and what to do. At the end of the talk, I realized this could be one of my kids, family members or any member of our staff or their families. If only one life is saved as a result of this talk, it will be worthwhile."

There will be 3 presentations offered in the area:

- Wednesday September 26th from 5:30 - 8:30 pm
 - For Physicians, Advanced Practice Professionals and Practice Staff
 - Will be held at the Traverse City Golf and Country Club
 - To RSVP for this sessions [CLICK HERE](#)
- Thursday September 27th from 8:00 - 10:00 am
 - For Practice Managers, Practice Staff and Physicians/APPs
 - Will be held at the Traverse City Golf and Country Club
 - To RSVP for this session [CLICK HERE](#)
- Thursday September 27th from 5:30 - 8:30 pm
 - For Petoskey Area Physicians, Practice Managers and Practice Staff
 - Will be held at the McLaren Foundation Building classrooms
 - To RSVP for this session [CLICK HERE](#)

Statement of Accreditation:

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ELECTRONIC PRESCRIBING OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (EPCS)

- In May 2018, Walmart and Sam's Club announced that they will require controlled substances to be electronically prescribed beginning January 1, 2020.
- New York was the first state to require EPCS in March 2016. Since then, at least 9 other states have enacted legislation requiring EPCS which is either already in effect or has planned implementation over the next few years.
 - In Michigan, Senate Bill 802 was introduced 1/13/2018 which would require electronic prescribing of opioids and benzos effective January 1, 2020.
 - The bill is currently referred to the Committee on Health Policy for review.

Many NPO physicians have already implemented electronic prescribing of controlled substances and are finding the process to be efficient and beneficial. Two shared their thoughts below.

Dr. Joel Anhalt, Arcadia Medical, an eClinicalWorks user says:

The integration of the use of EPCS (electronic prescribing of controlled substances) has enhanced my practice's abilities to meet the needs of my patients in real time. It has delivered me the ability to prescribe those medications that otherwise became had cumbersome or required additional work from myself or my staff to provide. The reception of this ability has been met with improved satisfaction by my patients as they no longer are required to deliver the prescription to the pharmacy themselves. This ability reduces delay and delivers efficiency to care of my patients.

From Dr. Nathan March, West Front Primary Care, a NextGen user:

EPCS has allowed our practice to be more efficient and secure in the prescribing of controlled substances. Patients no longer have to come pickup paper scripts from the office, making patients grateful. Our EMR allows us to perform real-time checks of MAPS, integrated into the medication module, prior to sending the prescription. Staff members and providers have found it to be much easier and less onerous. Doing our part to help combat fraudulent prescriptions.

THINGS TO KNOW

CONGRATULATIONS MUNSON FAMILY PRACTICE AND THIRLBY CLINIC

Congratulations to two NPO member practices highlighted in videos produced by Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) to draw attention to Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) concepts and processes. Munson Family Practice and Thirlby Clinic each worked with BCBS to develop videos that show staff and PCMH processes integral to their practice and talk about the impact that PCMH concepts have on the care of patients. There is a short and longer video for each practice. Select the links below to view the videos.

[CLICK HERE](#) for Munson Family Practice Center video (long)

[CLICK HERE](#) for Munson Family Practice Center video (short)

[CLICK HERE](#) for Thirlby Clinic video (long)

[CLICK HERE](#) for Thirlby Clinic video (short)

SAFE MEDICATION DISPOSAL RESOURCE NOW AVAILABLE

Munson Healthcare Foundation is providing a safe medication disposal resource called "MedSafe" in many area Munson Healthcare Hospitals. The disposal program can accept controlled and non-controlled medication in pill, tablet, capsule, as well as ointment, cream, lotion and powder form. For more information including a list of which hospitals will have a MedSafe installed [CLICK HERE](#).

REFRESHER COURSE FOR BCBSM DRUG PRIOR-AUTHORIZATION - NovoLogix Webinar

Blue Cross Blue Shield is providing a refresher course for medical specialty drug prior-authorization web tool. This course is designed to refresh skills with the NovoLogix® web tool, and learn how to create prior-authorization requests for provider-administered specialty medical drugs.* Two sessions are provided

- Wednesday, October 3, 2018, 1 to 2 pm. [REGISTER HERE](#)
- Friday, October 5, 2018, 10 to 11 am. [REGISTER HERE](#)

Once the host approves your registration, you'll receive a confirmation email with instructions for joining the session.

NPO-CIN BLOG

Don't forget to check out the NPO Blog on the NPO-CIN Website. These short pieces keep practices and providers aware of the most relevant subjects for our region and nationally.

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