



NEWS and NOTES from NPO

APRIL 19, 2019

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE UPDATES

NEW STATE FORM DIRECTING HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TO NOT ADMINISTER OPIOIDS

A new form is available to patients in the state of Michigan allowing patients most at risk for misuse of opioids (including those with a history of an opioid disorder) to notify health professionals and EMT providers to not administer opioid medications to them. The non-opioid directive is part of the State of Michigan's multifaceted plan to address the opioid epidemic which has substantially impacted our state.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the form.

THINGS TO KNOW & TO DO

NPO-CIN LAUNCHES CREDENTIALING

NPO-CIN is pleased to announce the launch of our new credentialing program, effective January 1, 2019. NPO-CIN will be working with Chant Medical Staff Resources, LLC, an experienced Michigan-based credentialing firm, who will perform credentialing/re-credentialing activities on NPO-CIN's behalf. They will be working under the name of NPO-CIN Credentialing Services

We appreciate that this is, initially, an extra step for practices. However, moving forward, performing this credentialing will eventually allow NPO to enter into delegated credentialing arrangements with payers, as appropriate, which will then reduce work for practices across payers. This credentialing also helps your NPO-CIN in contract negotiations with payers to reduce burdens such as pre-authorizations.

NPO-CIN is requesting 20-30 providers per month with the aim of completing all initial credentialing in a 24 month period. Then, re-credentialing will start. If there is a particular time period that would work well for your practice regarding credentialing, please let us know.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we work to start this new program with the ultimate goal of reducing the administrative burden for practices and physicians. Any questions/comments should be directed to Kris Elliott, Director of Quality at 231-421-8505 or kelliott@npoinc.org.

REMINDER - PHYSICIANS PARTNERING MEETING MAY 15, 2019

This meeting is intended to provide an overview of how Metro Hospital can help to meet the needs of patients in Northern Michigan. Dr. Ryan Law will be presenting regarding our current capabilities at Metro, specifically the evolving role of diagnostic a interventional endoscopy.

[CLICK HERE](#) for information and RSVP

FROM THE NPO PHARMACY TEAM

Generic and Biosimilar Insulin Pricing

NPO's Pharmacist Stuart Rockafellow breaks down some confusion regarding Generic and Biosimilar Insulin pricing which may help with patient explanations. With recent dramatic increases in costs for insulin this hot topic continues to be important to patients and physicians alike.

To read the full text of the article, [CLICK HERE.](#)

Please send your pharmacy questions to the NPO Pharmacists. Our NPO Pharmacists are in practices throughout the week. Please utilize the rx@npoinc.org email for communication coordination - NPO staff monitors this inbox throughout the day. Thank you for your cooperation.

MSMS "MEDICAL NECESSITY and COMPLIANCE ESSENTIALS FOR EVERYDAY PRACTICE

FREE Conference for NPO members put on by MSMS titled "Medical Necessity and Compliance Essentials for Everyday Practice". MSMS has recently offered some of this content in a conference in Lansing – the Medical Necessity portion was at a charge of \$125 for MSMS members; as an NPO member, you receive not only that content but the Compliance Essentials portion for FREE!

Please take advantage of this opportunity! If your practice's providers want to attend just the first part, that is fine. You, as Practice Manager, should hopefully find the whole day to be of benefit. Because NPO members are receiving this for free while others will have to pay, the registration is unique for NPO:

If registering on-line, you will need a MSMS login and a coupon code must be used:

Physicians – NPO-Comp62019

Non-Physicians – NPO-Comp62019-2

It may be easier to call to register or to fax in the registration form. [CLICK HERE](#) for info and form.



The poster features a group of diverse children smiling. The text on the right side of the poster reads: "May 16, 2019", "Facets of Pediatric Nursing Care", "The Kensington Hotel", "3500 South State Street", "Ann Arbor, MI 48108", "6.75 Nursing Contact Hours", and "https://leadersandbestevents.cvent.com/PEDS19". At the bottom left, there is a logo for C.S. MOTT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MICHIGAN MEDICINE.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information & registration



QUEST LABORATORY DRAW STATIONS AVAILABE IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

Quest Laboratory now has draw stations available in the Grand Traverse area with hours Monday - Friday. Patients can present with a provider order for blood work, urine drug screen, etc.; samples will be collected at these locations for testing by Quest. Results will be sent to the ordering provider via fax if a Quest interface is not in place in the practice. Quest will accept non-Quest order forms.

NW MICHIGAN HEALTH SERVICES

10767 E. Traverse Highway
TC, MI 49684
Monday/Tuesday/Thursday 8:30am to 3:00pm

LEELANAU FAMILY PRACTICE

718 N. Saint Joseph Street Ste K
Suttons Bay, MI 49682
Wednesday/Friday 8:30am to 2:00pm

Practices interested in having a Quest Interface should contact:

Jason Abraham
Quest Diagnostics
Territory Account Manager
231.590.9425

Helpful Resources & Upcoming Events

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NPO is committed to providing great resources to our members!

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