



NEWS and NOTES from NPO

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PRACTICE INDEPENDENCE

COMMON CONCERNS FROM PHYSICIANS ACROSS THE COUNTRY: PERSPECTIVES FROM DR. STEVEN LAMIE

Dr. Lamie, of Thirlby Clinic in Traverse City recently approached NPO-CIN with a request for continued education and collaboration with providers about remaining independent. A closer look at what providers are up against and what options exist has become important to providers such as Dr. Lamie who gained significant perspective on the subject after a recent diabetes conference.

To read the full discussion [CLICK HERE](#).

THINGS TO KNOW & TO DO

MSMS: PRE-AUTHORIZATION NEGATIVE IMPACT ON PATIENT CARE

Over a year ago, MSMS surveyed providers about the pre-authorization burden and its impact on patient care. Please see the article below for what MSMS learned and what physicians (including NPO's own Dr. Kazmers!) have to say about the negative impacts on patient care.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more.

NEW RESEARCH SHOWS PRE-DIABETES DIAGNOSIS COMMUNICATED TO PATIENTS INCREASES SELF-DIRECTED LIFESTYLE MODIFICATIONS

The Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine published an article in January 2019 showing that communication of a formal diagnosis of Pre-Diabetes by a provider, even if no additional lifestyle interventions are provided, triggers patient self-directed lifestyle modifications that positively impact bio-physical markers for the longer term development of T2 Diabetes. In 2015, despite ~34% of the US adult population estimated to be Pre-Diabetic, only 11.6% self-reported that they had been diagnosed with Pre-diabetes by a health care worker. Only 1% of those who met Pre-Diabetes diagnostic criteria had documentation to confirm that diagnosis in a medical record. Documentation of the diagnosis in the medical record and direct communication to the patient of that diagnosis moves patients towards greater self-care modifications resulting in better patient outcomes.

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

NPO has also posted this article [HERE](#).

FROM CMS: NEW MEDICARE CARD AND MBI ADOPTION: HOW DO YOU COMPARE?

Use Medicare Beneficiary Identifiers (MBIs) for all Medicare transactions – the transition period ends December 31, 2019. For the week ending March 22, here is how you are using the MBI on claims:

- National: 68%
- Institutional: 68%
- Professional: 69%
- Durable Medical Equipment: 52%

[CLICK HERE](#) for 3 ways to get the MBI

Ask your patients for the card. If your Medicare patients say they did not get a card, instruct them to call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227), so we can help them get their new cards.

Use your Medicare Administrative Contractor's look up tool. [Sign up](#) for the Portal to use the tool. Check the remittance advice. Until the end of the transition period, we return the MBI on the remittance advice for claims with a valid and active Health Insurance Claim Number. Contact your vendor if you do not see the MBI.

MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) TRAINING

In order to prescribe and dispense Buprenorphine in an office-based treatment of opioid use disorders, providers are required to obtain a waiver through the completion of an eight-hour training session. The Michigan Center for Clinical Systems Improvement is providing this training in 3 separate locations in Michigan between April and June of 2019.

For complete information including registration, please [CLICK HERE](#).



QUEST LABORATORY DRAW STATIONS AVAILABLE 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

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