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COMMUNITY CARE
OF
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NEWSLETTER

Dear Colleagues –

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Impact of Social Services: Expansion of Legal Assistance Clinic

Following a study on the impact of social services on healthcare utilization and cost, Community Care of Brooklyn is expanding a legal assistance clinic model to provide patients with legal assistance services to address a variety of social determinants of health.

With funding from the New York State Health Foundation (NYSHealth), the Maimonides CSO studied a sample of patients engaged in at least nine months of consistent care management through the Brooklyn Health Home during 2014. Patients who received social services during the study period were identified through a qualitative review of care management progress notes, and their ER and inpatient utilization and cost information was identified from claims data.

Despite a limited sample size and challenges inherent in abstracting free-text care plan notes, the findings offer useful insight into the impact of social service receipt. Similar to previous published findings, the CSO found that housing, food assistance, income assistance, legal services, and vocational training interventions may be associated with reduced healthcare utilization and costs among this study population. Overall, the patients in the study sample experienced a reduction in ER visits and inpatient admissions based on a comparison of healthcare utilization data prior to and following the intervention period. Additionally, the patients in the study sample experienced a reduction in ER-related Medicaid costs, based on a comparison of cost data prior to and following the intervention period.

Based on these findings and an assessment of our network capacity, CCB has partnered with The New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) to expand an existing legal assistance clinic model to serve patients engaged with our community-based organizations (CBOs). The legal clinic, held at one of our partner CBO sites in downtown Brooklyn, provides patients with legal assistance services to address a variety of social determinants of health. Care managers and other providers in CCB's network are eligible to make referrals to the legal clinic after completing a free, one-day training course about social determinants and the law offered on a monthly basis. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact Support@CCBrooklyn.org.

We are continuing to leverage findings from this study to inform our PPS's strategic investment priorities, and we look forward to sharing additional findings and lessons learned with our partners.

DSRIP Measurement Year 3 Medical Record Review

There are certain DSRIP quality measures whose results cannot be determined based on Medicaid claims. For some of these measures, the New York State Department of Health and the DSRIP Independent Assessor partner with contractors to complete medical record reviews. The specific measures for CCB's DSRIP initiatives that are determined by medical record review are '*Controlling high blood pressure*' and '*Screening for clinical depression.*'

MedReview, the state's contracted medical record abstraction firm, will begin record collection for DSRIP Measurement Year 3 (July 2016-June 2017) this fall, likely October 2017. This process was completed in fall 2016 for DSRIP Measurement Year 2.

MedReview, Inc. has again been assigned by the state to complete the medical record review process for CCB. MedReview is HEDIS-certified and has extensive experience performing medical record reviews across the state. In the coming weeks, MedReview and CCB will work together to reach out to those providers to facilitate data collection. Not all of CCB's Participants will be asked to participate in the medical record review process.

We ask that our CCB Participant organizations be as cooperative and responsive to these requests as possible. Results from this medical record review process will inform CCB's performance and corresponding payments, which may affect CCB's funding available for distribution. However, results will have no bearing on existing payments from the state, managed care organizations or directly from CCB.

Please do not hesitate to contact CCB with any questions related to this process at Support@CCBrooklyn.org or (718) 355-9693.

DSRIP Independent Evaluator Survey

As required by New York State's Medicaid waiver, an independent evaluation of the DSRIP program is underway. The Center for Human Services Research at the University at Albany was selected to conduct an evaluation of DSRIP program implementation and outcomes. The Independent Evaluator is planning to send out a survey to gather input and insights from selected CCB partners. Selected partners will receive an email soon from the Center for Human Services Research (UAlbany) with a link to the survey and partners will have three weeks to complete the survey. Partner survey responses will be de-identified and will be entered into a lottery for a \$100 gift card. Please note that this research study is distinct from the role of the Independent Assessor (IA), which assesses PPS performance and funding earned.

If you have any questions about the Independent Evaluation, please contact the CCB Support desk at Support@CCBrooklyn.org or Paloma Luisi at the University at Albany's Center for Human Services Research at PLuisi@ualbany.edu.

VBP University and VBP Bootcamp

VBP University is an online, educational resource created by NYS Department of Health (DOH) to raise awareness, knowledge and expertise in the move to Value Based Payment (VBP). VBP University combines informational videos and supplemental materials that stakeholders interested in VBP can use to advance (and quiz!) their understanding of VBP. To date, VBP University Semesters 1 and 2 have been released, with Semester 3 coming soon.

VBP Bootcamps are a regional learning series created by the Department of Health with the goal to equip VBP contractors and interested parties with the knowledge necessary to implement payment reform. Designed as Semester 4 of VBP University, all-day sessions will be held in five regional locations across the state. Webcasts will be made available online. The New York City session is scheduled for **October 18, 2017**, at the New York Academy of Medicine at 1216 5th Avenue, New York, NY. Registration for the NYC session is now available, but is limited to a first come, first served basis. Click [here](#) to enroll, or for more information, please visit: www.health.ny.gov/VBP.

CCB Compliance Updates

OMIG 2017-2018 Work Plan

The New York State Office of Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) released its [2017-2018 OMIG Work Plan](#), which details OMIG's program integrity focus areas in the Medicaid Program from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018. The Work Plan focuses on three main goals:

1. Enhancing compliance –effective compliance programs and OMIG's monitoring
2. Fighting fraud, waste and abuse in the Medicaid program
3. Promoting innovative analytics –innovative analytic capabilities to detect fraudulent activities

New Anti-Kickback Safe Harbors – Local Transportation

What is the Anti-Kickback Statute? The Anti-Kickback Statute (AKS) generally prohibits providing anything of value for, or to induce, referrals of patients for Federal health care programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid.

The Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (OIG) recently released a long-awaited final rule (click [here](#) to view) establishing new Anti-Kickback Statute safe harbors, most notably, allowing healthcare providers or other eligible entities to provide certain free or discounted local transportation to Medicaid patients if certain conditions are met. For more information on the Local Transportation safe harbor and other newly released AKS safe harbors, click [here](#).

2017 CCB Code of Conduct

CCB's Code of Conduct reflects a culture that supports prevention, detection and remediation of DSRIP-related compliance concerns and outlines the compliance principles and standards of legal and ethical conduct for members of CCB's Governance Committees, CSO management team members and staff, and CCB Participants. An updated 2017 CCB Code of Conduct can be found on CCB's website. Click [here](#) to view. .



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