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CEO update

Dear Beaumont ACO Members:

On behalf of the Beaumont ACO board, I want to thank all of you for your continued efforts to making the Beaumont ACO one of the best in the country. Your commitment to quality and efficient health care remains our foundation for success.

We want to expand our success to the entire Beaumont Health network of physicians and, to do that, we have added two extremely talented and knowledgeable physician executive leaders to help with this strategic priority.

Ghadi Ghorayeb, M.D., and Ashok Jain, M.D., have been engaged by the ACO to network with physicians throughout our market area. Please spread the word to physicians who are not in our ACO about our commitment to transparency, physician leadership and trust. Drs. Ghorayeb and Jain will be reaching out to those physicians to drive growth and engagement across our service area.

I am pleased to announce the ACO launched medical director meetings in the first few months of 2019. This is a new initiative for the ACO to provide further assistance to our practices aligned with us for MSSP and PGIP. Please see Sarju Shah, M.D.'s column in this edition of the newsletter for more information on these meetings. I would like to extend a big thank you in advance, however, for carving time out of your busy day to meet with our medical directors. We believe this is a critical step to achieving success in the programs. Please be sure to ask any questions of them including best practices they have gained from our vast experience in these value-based programs.

Please read through the rest of this important newsletter for additional updates.

Best Regards,

Belal Abdallah, M.D., MBA
Chief Executive Officer
Chair, Beaumont ACO Board

Medical director updates

Colleagues,

As we started off 2019, we at the Beaumont ACO had a goal of reaching out to our MSSP and PGIP aligned practices, over 120 offices, and I am proud to report that by the end of March, we have accomplished 29 of these visits.

The visits are being conducted by myself as well as by our associate medical directors, Halima Ali, M.D., and Sasi Boppana, M.D. The visits also include a Beaumont ACO team member from Quality, Care Management, AIM and/or the PGIP field team. We are visiting these practices to share performance reports and educate physicians and staff on these value-based programs.

We have been sharing data available by the practice and individual providers for MSSP and PGIP, if applicable, along with quality and utilization scorecards. It has led to a lot of positive discussion on the care, quality, cost per patient and what we can do to impact it.

Additionally, it has helped identify and engage other patients for the AIM program. As we move forward for the rest of the year and current contract, we welcome recommendations and suggestions to improve and engage patient care and quality.

Thank you,

Sarju Shah, M.D.
Medical Director
Beaumont ACO



Sepsis epidemic information

Sepsis is the third leading cause of death in the United States. It affects more than one million Americans per year at the cost of \$24 billion. Sepsis occurs in 10 percent of U.S. hospital patients but contributes to as many as half of all hospital deaths.

[MORE ABOUT THE SEPSIS EPIDEMIC](#)

ACO accessibility standards



The Beaumont ACO has established access and availability standards that are compliant with the requirements set forth in the Affordable Care Act, National Committee for Quality Assurance and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. The goal of these standards is to ensure patients have timely access to health services at an appropriate level. Practices must be routinely referring patients with non-emergent situations to after-hours care whether located at the practice site or another urgent care center.

[MORE ABOUT ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS](#)

PGIP updates



Resource stewardship initiative

RSI is a quality and utilization-focused BCBSM Physician Group Incentive Program initiative with a goal of reducing the use of medical services, procedures or tests that could be overused or of questionable value.

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BCBSM incentive program

The SCP VBR is a PGIP incentive program for specialist physicians based on Quality and Cost metrics. This program shows BCBSMs move from fee-for-service, to an approach that layers fee-for-value upon the fee-for-service foundation.

[MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM](#)



Beaumont ACO 2019 specialist VBR results

Congratulations to the following physicians for being awarded the BCBSM SCP VBR for 2019!

Effective March 1, 2019 – February 29, 2020

[SEE WHO THE AWARD WINNERS ARE](#)

MIPS reporting update

Most physicians will need to complete MIPS reporting for 2018. Eligible physicians may earn performance-based payment adjustments based on the quality of care and services they provide to patients under MIPS.



[READ MORE ABOUT MIPS](#)

Putting patients first



Recently, we heard a story from our Advanced Illness Management (AIM) Nurse Practitioner, Marcelli Contreras, who worked with her team to provide to best possible outcome for a patient in need.

The patient underwent a complicated gallbladder surgery and stayed at a rehab facility for a lengthy period of time. The patient complained of stomach pains that were unrelieved despite having the surgery. The pains limited the patient's mobility and caused nausea, vomiting and weight loss.

[LEARN HOW MARCELLI HELPED](#)

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PATIENTPING

PatientPing

Beaumont ACO uses PatientPing to receive real-time notifications for care-managed populations to improve coordination of care and patient outcomes. Our BCBSM Provider-Directed Care Management, MSSP and AIM care managers receive statewide real-time admit and discharge information, enabling timely and high-quality care coordination. Our BCBSM and MSSP primary care physicians are also connected, providing the care team with the technology to take appropriate action.

For more information, contact the Beaumont ACO at 947-522-0037

Did you know?

The Beaumont ACO now requires each practice to provide us with a practice email address and the name of a contact person for that address. You can provide that to us via email at acoproviderrelations@beaumont.org.



Specialist who currently participate in the Beaumont ACO's MSSP who have not yet signed their MSSP Specialist Agreement must do so by Monday, April 15.

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