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LTC ACO NEWS



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DISCOVER KEY RESOURCES

LTC ACO is pleased to launch our Clinical Resources portal, exclusively for LTC ACO Participants.

Access the portal by visiting ltcaco.com/clinical-resources, using the password LTCACO.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

First off, I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year! We are looking forward to a momentous year in which LTC ACO expects to manage nearly \$600m in annual Medicare spend for its attributed beneficiaries. With that comes extraordinary responsibility to each of our provider partners. To that end, we are proud to announce that we have not only added key personnel to our team to assist in data, analytics, and insights, but have also restructured our Performance Enhancement team to help us become more efficient and effective in our interactions with each of you and your practices.

While no one can predict with any certainty when - or if - COVID will dissipate, we are hopeful that having highly vaccinated and boosted patients and their care teams will help mitigate the impact to beneficiaries and our collective LTC ACO performance.

2022 is a year of significant growth for LTC ACO. We welcome several new key provider partners and are excited to see growth in many of our existing practices this year. Thank you all again for your engagement in our shared mission. Seeing patients when clinically appropriate and ensuring the highest level of quality care in the most appropriate setting is our goal. Meeting MSSP's ACO quality metric goals in aggregate and at each practice is paramount, as well. Together, I am confident of our success in 2022!

Best,
Jason

Jason Feuerman



Quality Measure Requirements & Exclusions

The LTC ACO Quality Team is excited to partner with you throughout the year to maximize your performance on quality measures. Each month, you will receive an update of your quality measure progress and areas of opportunity.

For 2022, there are 3 provider-facing measures:

- ♦ Hypertension: Controlling High Blood Pressure
- ♦ Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Poor Control (>9%)
- ♦ Screening for Depression and Follow-up Plan

Hypertension: Controlling High Blood Pressure

Compliance Requirements: Date and test result of <140/90 must be documented within the patient's medical record. Note: the last documented screening and result of the performance year will be used to determine a patient's compliance. Patients must also have an Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) completed during the performance year (1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021) in order for the result to be included in the measure. Patients discharged, deceased or who elect Medicare Advantage will remain eligible for the measure if they had an AWV prior to their DC, deceased date or Medicare Advantage election.

Denominator Exclusions: Patients who receive hospice services at any point in the performance year (1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021) can be excluded from the measure. *New this year, patients receiving palliative care any time during the year will also be excluded.*



Diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) Poor Control (>9%)

Compliance Requirements: Date and test result of $\leq 9\%$ must be documented within the patient's medical record. Note, the last documented screening and result of the performance year will be used to determine a patient's compliance. Patients must also have an Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) completed during the performance year (1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021) in order for the result to be included in the measure. Patients discharged, deceased or who elect Medicare Advantage will remain eligible for the measure if they had an AWV prior to their DC, deceased date or Medicare Advantage election.

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Screening for Depression & Follow-Up Plan

Compliance Requirements: Patients must be seen and have corresponding documentation on the screening date or within 14 days of depression screening. The depression screening tool, date of screening, and the result must be documented in the patient's medical record. In the event the depression screening result was positive, a follow-up plan must also be documented.

Denominator Exclusions: Patients with a diagnosis of depression or a diagnosis of bipolar disorder documented prior to 1/1/2021 can be excluded from the measure. Note: documentation supporting a prior diagnosis of depression or bipolar disorder must be present in the medical record.

Welcoming Our New ACO Participants

We welcome the following new provider groups for 2022:

- ◆ Alteon in Kentucky, Idaho, Indiana, New Mexico, Ohio, and Utah
- ◆ Transitional Care Physicians of America in Georgia
- ◆ Southeast Geriatrics in Georgia
- ◆ Integrated Care Professionals in Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Oklahoma
- ◆ Universal Health Care in Virginia
- ◆ Valley Family and Elder Care in Virginia
- ◆ South Texas Continuum in Texas
- ◆ Dr. Jesper Brickley in Vermont



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