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LTC ACO NEWS



A Message from Our President

As we approach the halfway point of the performance year, we are thrilled to provide updates on the growth of our clinical initiatives for 2023. Our primary objective is promoting collaborative care that aligns with clinical appropriateness, prioritizes the highest level of care in appropriate settings, and achieves the MSSP ACO quality metric goals, both collectively and at each individual practice.

We've made headway with enhancing clinical reporting, enabling us to effectively track the progress of these goals and optimize performance rates on quality measures. Our reporting packages now offer beneficiary-level financial details, updated quality reports with previous year information, and expanded clinical reports that can be easily filtered into actionable worklists. We welcome any and all feedback you can provide to help make these reports more useful and effective.

We want to express our sincere gratitude for your continued participation in LTC ACO. Your collaboration and alignment with our shared goals are instrumental in providing a better, coordinated care approach for long-term care residents with Medicare.

Stay safe and be well.

Best,

Jason Feuerman
President



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MSSP Quality Measure Completion

For the 2023 MSSP ACO Performance Year, there are three (3) CMS quality metrics that require accurate documentation in the medical record and these performance rates have a direct impact on the ACO's percentage of savings. In addition to the quality measures listed below, the ACO's final quality score incorporates claimed-based and CAHPS measures. LTC ACO will continue providing regular reports to track progress throughout the year.

2023 ACO Metrics:

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

What Action Do You Need to Take?

1. Review your monthly quality reporting and understand which beneficiaries have open quality gaps that need to be addressed.
2. Where clinically appropriate, complete outstanding screenings and document screening results within your EMR.

Quality Measure Requirements & Exclusions

CONTROLLING HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

- ◆ Description: Beneficiaries aged 18-65 with hypertension must have adequately controlled blood pressure (<140/90mmHg) during the measurement period.
- ◆ Required Documentation: Date and result of the most recent blood pressure measurement (within the 2023 performance year).
- ◆ Qualifying Encounter: Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) (Go438 or Go439) completed and billed within the 2023 performance year.

**Beneficiaries discharged, deceased or who elect Medicare Advantage remain eligible for the measure if they had a qualifying encounter (AWV) prior to their DC, deceased date or Medicare Advantage election.*

Measure Exclusions: Beneficiaries aged 66 and older in long-term care for 90 or more consecutive days, beneficiaries receiving palliative care (G0031), beneficiaries receiving hospice services (G9740), beneficiaries with documented end-stage renal disease (ESRD), dialysis, renal transplant, or pregnancy during the measurement period (G9231).

DIABETES: HEMOGLOBIN A1C (HBA1C) POOR CONTROL (>9%)

- ◆ Description: Beneficiaries aged 18-65 with a diagnosis of diabetes whose most recent hemoglobin A1c was adequately controlled (A1c < 9.0%).
- ◆ Required Documentation: Date and result of most recent value (must be collected and documented during the 2023 performance year).
- ◆ Qualifying Encounter: Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) (Go438 or Go439) completed and billed within the 2023 performance year.

**Beneficiaries discharged, deceased or who elect Medicare Advantage remain eligible for the measure if they had a qualifying encounter (AWV) prior to their DC, deceased date or Medicare Advantage election.*

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DEPRESSION SCREENING & FOLLOW-UP PLAN

- ◆ Description: Beneficiaries aged 12 and older screened for depression using an age-appropriate standardized depression screening tool AND if positive, a documented follow-up plan.
- ◆ Required Documentation: Screening tool, date (within performance year) and result required.
 - » If screening positive, a follow up plan is required within 2 days of the qualifying encounter.
 - » Screening does not need to be completed by the provider but a provider does need to review screening and document within 14 days of screening.
 - » Depression screening to be completed once during the performance year.
- ◆ Qualifying Encounters: Not limited to AWW, includes H&P, annual H&P, subsequent visits, summary visits, discharge, and AWW.

Measure Exclusions: Beneficiaries with a documented history of depression or bipolar disorder, beneficiaries unable to complete or refuse screening with appropriate documentation.

Beneficiaries receiving hospice or palliative care services **ARE NOT excluded from this measure.*

For additional guidance and resources on the 2023 MSSP Quality Measures, visit our **Clinical Resource Portal**: www.ltcaco.com/clinical-resources (Password: LTCACO)

Share Your Beneficiary Success Stories!

Here at LTC ACO, we are passionate about cultivating discussions on best practices that empower our clinical teams to deliver exceptional care. We firmly believe that every success story brings valuable insights and inspires positive growth.

We invite you, our dedicated members, to showcase how collaborating with LTC ACO has significantly enhanced the quality of life and care for beneficiaries and their families. These stories serve as a testament to the positive impact we can achieve together.

If you have witnessed remarkable transformations or outstanding outcomes, we kindly ask you contact your organization's Partner Engagement Manager. We value your dedication in making a meaningful difference in the lives of our beneficiaries, and your contributions will aid the collective knowledge of our community and reinforce our commitment to excellence.

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