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Solutions for Quality Healthcare

Doctors ACO is an independent physician led Accountable Care
Organization that is actively changing the healthcare environment in your community by creating a network of primary care and specialist physicians who are committed to improved quality and cost savings.

Advanced Analytics

Doctors ACO is excited about the newest software we have brought to the organization that will allow us to better determine the gaps in the delivery of care in your organization as well as areas for cost savings and increased revenue. After determining your goals as an independent physician, a team of consultants will work to supply our practice partners with a monthly analytical overview of their practice.



Above: Doctors ACO returning \$4 million to of shared savings to independent physcians in 2016. Pictured from left to right: Tom Weckerle (GA Clinic), Paul Haver (Medical Director of Doctors ACO), David Klebonis (COO of Doctors ACO), Louis Morgenier (CFO of Doctors ACO), Raj Bansal (Board Member of Doctors ACO), and Subodh Agrawal (Chairman of Doctors ACO).

Doctors ACO wants to help guide independent physicians through the challenges of participating in

MIPS!

What's Required?

- 1. Improvement Activities
 - a. Covered by being part of Doctors ACO
- 2. Cost Performance
 - a. Covered by being part of Doctors ACO
- 3. Quality Performance
 - a. GPRO worksheets are in and Doctors ACO is currently wrapping up this measure for you!
- 4. Advancing Care Information Performance
 - a. Each practice is in charge of submitting Advancing Care Information data which is found within their EHR system.
 - b. ACI submission has to be completed by March 31st 2018

If you need help setting up your account to login to the Quality Payment Program webiste please contact Travis Williams at twilliams@doctorsaco.org or at 706-599-5010.

Principles for Transition of Care Management (TCM) Success

TCM is crucial for physicians and patients because this type of care ensures that a patient is not being continously readmitted to acute care facilities where cost is much higher than in an independent physician office.

What's Required for TCM?

- Must make contact with the patient within 2 days of hospital discharge. (phone, email, or faceto-face)
- 2. Non face-to-face services (review discharge summary, make appropriate communications with other providers, review need for follow up on tests).
- 3. Face-to-face visit

CPT Code 99495 moderate medical decision complexity (within 14 days of discharge)

CPT Code 99496 - high medical decision complexity (within 7 days of discharge)

 Patient does not readmit to hospital within 30 days



Chronic Care Management (CCM)

Why CCM Programs are Effective for ACO's



Emergency Room Utilizations

ED utilization rates are approximately 13% lower for patients enrolled in CCM

Mortality Rate & Hospital Cost

Annual Mortality rates and hospitalization costs are approximately 20% lower for patients enrolled in CCM

Physician Assignment

Retaining and growing your ACO panel can be strongly influenced by participating in a CCM program. CCM codes do count for plurality of care.



COPD

Patients with COPD can be a great patient for CCM because of their high likelihood for acute symptoms that result in ED visits. If these patients are being contacted monthly through a CCM program it will be easier to catch and manage an early respiratory episode.

Congestive Heart Failure

Patients with CHF are likely to readmit to hospitals as well. CHF patients enrolled in a CCM program saw a 45% drop in hospital readmissions.

Participating in CCM can benefit your practice and the ACO by improving quality and reducing cost! Contact Doctors ACO for advice on setting up a CCM program!



The Best Way
to Remain an
Independent
Physician is
to Join an
Accountable
Care
Organization!

Contact Us if you are interested in joining

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Application
Deadlines are
Approaching Fast!

Register Now to Join Doctors ACO in 2019!

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Transitional Care Management (TCM)

- Ensure notifications are checked (hospital portals)
- TCM tracking worksheet
- Train and educate your staff on best TCM practices

ER Frequent Fliers

- Run ER reports for high risk patients
- Thursday touch service to keep high risk patients out of the ER

Let the Doctors ACO Support Team Help Your Office!

Contact the Support Center to get started at 706-963-1722

Summary of Doctors ACO Benefits:

- Practice analysis for improved quality and lower cost
- Coaching on the best way to deliver high quality and low cost
- A network of hardworking independent physicians
- No financial risk for joining
- Share cost savings
- Doctors ACO Support Center
- 5 years of ACO Success Experience
- Leadership from a Network of 7 of the Country's Best ACO's
- \$156 Million in ACO Performance Payments back to participating members

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