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Welcome to the ninth edition of the **Western Maryland Physician Network** provider newsletter, "**ACO: Be in the Know**" - a monthly publication that will provide important updates, reminders and key information to keep our practices up to date.

GPRO Reporting PY2016:

- WMPN started **GPRO manual data extraction** on January 13, 2017. This is two weeks earlier than last year and 4 days ahead of the official opening of **PY2016 GPRO Reporting by CMS!**
- **Reminder: ACO CAHPS** reporting has already started through our vendor **HealthStream**. The period for this reporting is **November through February** for each performance year.
- **Data extraction** must be completed and all information submitted to CMS by 3/17/2017.
- If **WMPN is chosen for audit by CMS**, audit will take place during **March and April of 2017**.
- Any questions or issues with the **GPRO reporting process** should be directed to **Debbie Mullaney at 240-964-8267 or dmullaney@wmhs.com**.

ACO Practice Spotlight: WMHS Plastic Surgery

Dr. Emme Jackson (right) has moved! She is now located in the Medical Arts Center, Suite 460, which is right next door to her old office. All phone (240-964-8931) and fax (240-964-8932) numbers are still the same. Please make a note of this change for your records. She is accepting patients for **cosmetic and reconstructive surgeries**. WMHS is also proud to announce that she is **now board certified in Plastic Surgery!** Please see her website at www.WMHSPlasticSurgery.com.



WMHS would also like to announce that **Dr. Umair Ahmed, Nephrologist (left)**, has also **passed his board certification!** Congratulations to both physicians on this great accomplishment!

Community Care Coordination

The **Community Care Coordination** team consists of **RNS, a MSW and Community Health Workers (CHWs)**. CHWs are unlicensed staff who have a broad knowledge of community resources. They provide assistance to the clients in goal setting for healthy lifestyle and encouragement towards attainment. Other services CHWs can provide to your patients include: scheduling appointments, arranging transportation to healthcare providers, making referrals to community resources for support, performing home safety assessments, assisting with obtaining food, and completing forms (i.e. insurance, housing). Referral may be made through eCw, faxing a CHW referral form to 240-964-4550, or calling 240-964-8230.

Upcoming CMS and Premier webinars & conference calls:

- Every Monday from January through March, Premier has ACO GPRO Sprint webinars to discuss CMS changes and notes on the clinical measures for GPRO.
- Every Thursday, CMS has their own webinar discussing any issues or changes for the clinical measures for GPRO reporting for PY2016.
- CMS National Provider Call-Transitioning from Quality Programs to MIPS: January 24 from 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- 2017 Data Analytics Affinity Group Meeting (Premier): January 27 from 3 to 4:00 p.m.
- HM Advanced Collaborative: Maryland Affinity Group (Premier): February 9 from 12 to 1:00 p.m.

Any questions on these webinars or to register can be directed to Debbie Mullaney at 240-964-8267.

Reminder for **ALL WMHS employees** to enroll via **HealthStream** for the **Mandatory 1557 Compliance Education/Training on the Affordable Care Act**. An email was sent out from Debbie Lancaster on behalf of Scott Borsuk, Corporate Compliance Officer for WMHS, on 1/12/17 with information on how to sign up.

WMHS Provider News: Quality Performance/Clinical Measures

Each month we will focus on a few of the clinical measures and items for quality performance for the ACO. These measures and guidelines are what every ACO must document for assessment of compliance with the ACO directives. We will start defining the clinical measures for PY2017 in a later newsletter.