



Health Home Happenings

Helpful information and tips for success for Iowa's Health Homes

July 2013



Reminder: Changes in Health Home Member Attributes

As of June 2013, Health Home providers must enter ICD-9 or ICD-10 codes that support the member's tier in IMPA upon enrollment of a member into the Health Home. Provider must also enter the codes on per member per month claims.

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Annual Tier Assessment for Health Home Members

It's important to remember that your Health Home patients need to be assessed for proper tier assignment on an annual basis. If you've had members enrolled for one year, it's time to start the re-assessment process.

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Chronic Care Quality Measures Thresholds Posted

The first annual twelve month reporting period for quality performance payments began July 1, 2013. The quality/outcome measurement incentive payment is contingent on the participating provider's achieving quality/performance benchmarks. The quality measures are organized into four weighted categories based on importance and attainability of the measure. Measures will be reported using the Iowa Health Information Network (IHIN) via direct messaging or the clinical portal.

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Urban Institute Survey

Under Authority of Section 2703 of the Affordable Care Act federal legislation, the Department of Health and Human Services is required to conduct an independent evaluation of the new health home benefit. The purpose of the evaluation is to determine the effect on reducing hospital admissions, emergency department visits, and admissions to skilled nursing facilities; the findings will be included in a report to Congress in 2017. HHS has contracted with the Urban Institute to conduct this evaluation, a key part of which involves site visits to participating states.

The Urban Institute's evaluation team was in Iowa May 7-9th. During this site visit, they interviewed those leading the Health Home program including Medicaid Director Jennifer Vermeer. They also requested to interview practices' who are implementing this program, with the aim of learning how it is actually working on the ground, what challenges people have faced, and how they're trying to overcome them. Northeast Iowa Medical Education Foundation in Waterloo and Primary Health Care in Des Moines shared their experiences with the evaluation team. This is the second of two evaluation contractors from CMS to conduct site visits. Primary Health Care in Marshalltown and McFarland Clinic in Ames also participated in an earlier evaluation conducted by NORC – University of Chicago that will be part of a preliminary report to Congress in 2014.

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Featured Upcoming Event!

Health Home Collaborative Learning Network

Thursday, August 29, 2013

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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