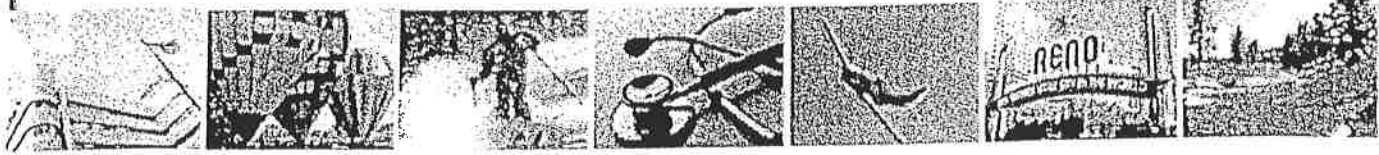


# Western Physicians' Alliance



## NEWSLETTER

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### Analyzing Healthcare in Real Time

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Medicare Advantage Plans (MAP) are promoting a pay for performance system making now the time for physicians to become more organized with the exchange of patient information and data analysis. For years we have relied on the health plans to tell us how well our practice has done compared to other practices and where we can improve our efforts. Through collaboration with the Nevada Health Information Exchange (HIE), Wellcentive and Western Physicians Alliance (WPA) independent providers will soon be able to analyze their own patient information. This will allow practices to proactively close gaps of care, lower return to acute, capture Hierarchical Categorical Conditions (HCC), offer a higher quality of care, and eventually be reimbursed better for these efforts.

Over the past several months WPA, the HIE and Wellcentive have laid the groundwork to begin the process of capturing data, through interfaces with a practices EMR. This interface will provide the infrastructure to introduce best practices in care, case management, development of a patient registry that supports a population based approach to providing healthcare with nationally recognized quality of care measures. In addition, WPA, HIE, and Wellcentive are developing a system that

will alert providers, in real time, to when their patients are admitted to the hospital. Thereby, allowing for earlier communication with the respective hospital or health system and establishment of case management interventions for all necessary care transitions upon discharge from the acute care setting. This will prove to be a valuable service for all providers that are interested in maintaining oversight of their patients throughout the continuum of care.

This is just a brief overview of what WPA, HIE, and Wellcentive have been working on over the past several months. For more information and how your practice may join our efforts, please contact the WPA office at 827-5775.

#### WELCOME NEW WPA MEMBERS

**Jeffrey Zollinger, DO** - Pain Management and Rehabilitation - Sweetwater Pain and Spine (775) 870-1480

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## Diabetes Grant

HPN has partnered with Nevada Healthy Choices in the study, Medicaid Incentives for Prevention of Chronic Diseases (MIPCD). Adult Medicaid members with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes are eligible to participate in the study by enrolling in the HPN Health Management Program where they will receive diabetic education from a registered nurse. The Health Management Program's outreach is telephonic, so participants will need access to a phone during our program hours of Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Each participant in the study is randomly assigned to one of three groups; two treatment groups and a control group. Participants in treatment groups 1 and 2 for getting their HbA1c and LDL screening upon enrollment, at 6 months, and again at 12 months. Treatment group 2 participants can receive additional points for achieving healthy HbA1c and LDL levels. Members with a BMI of 30 or greater can attend HPN's Health Education and Wellness weight management classes, where additional points are awarded for attendance. Points can be redeemed for merchandise through an online rewards program called ChipRewards.

Participants assigned to the control group do not earn points or rewards; however, they will benefit from the educational programs.

If you or your patients are interested, please contact the Health Plan of Nevada, Health Management Program for referrals or more information. The numbers are 702-242-7346 or 877-692-2059, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.