



# Western Physicians' Alliance



## NEWSLETTER

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### Analyzing Healthcare in Real Time Part II

Back in September of 2014 the WPA Newsletter reported on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Medicare Advantage Plans (MAP) promoting a pay for performance system. The article discussed the importance for providers to become better organized and coordinated with the exchange of patient information and data analysis. As noted we have for years 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 (HealthIE NV), Wellcentive and Western Physicians' Alliance (WPA) independent providers are now able to analyze their own patient information. This relationship allows practices to proactively close gaps of care through STAR and HEDIS metrics, lower return to acute hospitalizations within 30 days after discharge, capture Hierarchical Categorical Conditions (HCC), offer a higher quality of care, and eventually be reimbursed accordingly for their value added efforts.

After several months of work, WPA, the HealthIE NV, and Wellcentive along with a private IT consulting group have created the infrastructure and process for capturing data, through interfaces with multiple practices disparate EMR systems.

This interface allows for the introduction of best practices in care, case management, and the development of a patient registry that supports a population based approach to providing healthcare with nationally recognized quality of care measures. The IT consulting group has successfully developed and implemented a system that alerts providers, in real time, when their patients are admitted into 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.

Over the next 6-8 weeks a pilot project funded by WPA will enable the integration of the newly created infrastructure throughout the practices of 25 physicians. In addition to the benefits already described these practices will be able to fulfill all Meaningful Use and PQRS requirements.

If you would like more information about the newly established infrastructure that connects disparate EMR systems with HealthIE NV and Wellcentive or the pilot project contact [info@wpareno.com](mailto:info@wpareno.com).

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