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WPA Selects Wellcentive for Population Management

Wellcentive is a powerful analytic software program platform used for clinical data from medical practices. The software allows for actionable reports and dashboards, which can be used for tracking patient compliance and access to tests and treatments in a way that has been infrequently done to date. Point of service alerts will help physicians identify those patients who have gaps of care.

Knowing if a patient followed through on a test or treatment and assisting them to do so if they have not will clearly improve patient care. This concept is being termed Population Management and is being used to target the sickest patients. Because it improves care and wellness, decreases hospitalizations, and thereby lowers cost of care, some health plans are giving performance bonuses for those practices that participate and can show quality improvements. CMS and health plans have mandates for basing physician reimbursement at least in part on these measures in the next few years.

Population management requires Big Data. However, few practices have access to this type of software. For this reason, WPA is making this type of data analysis available to its 6 medical practices that have agreed to participate in a pilot study. The first phase of the pilot was to integrate the varied EMR systems of the practices in a way that would allow data for Population Health Measures to flow seamlessly from their systems to the

Wellcentive platform.

The IT team has now successfully made the connections and data is flowing into Wellcentive. With quality measured already embedded in Wellcentive reports and dashboards should be forth coming soon.

Once the system is working well for the pilot practices, Wellcentive data analysis will be made available to the remainder of the WPA member practices.

For practices not in a large medical group with a unitary EMR, Population Management data is being extracted from insurance claims by some health plans. WPA's new integrated system will provide real-time data making it easier for practices to meet quality and financial rewards.

Some key components found in the WPA Pilot include:

- Detailed Patient Records
- Care Gap Alerts
- Medication Reconciliation
- Care Records
- Patient Report Cards
- Secure Messaging to Patient Data
- Electronic Prescribing
- Certified for Modular Meaningful Use

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