



Western Physicians' Alliance



NEWSLETTER

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Saint Mary's HMO Rolls Out Pay for Performance

Primary Care: P4P

Starting in January 2012, Saint Mary's Health Plans will begin its anticipated Pay for Performance Program through HealthFirst (HMO). The program offers two levels of an increased bonus payment of 5 or 7 percent of the provider's health plan related activity for the applicable time frame, to be paid out at the end of the year.

To qualify for participation, you have to be a credentialed primary care provider residing in Northern Nevada with an active HealthFirst (HMO) panel for a minimum of 12 months prior to implementation.

The criteria for success will be based on clinical quality outcomes and administrative efficiencies. Some of the clinical quality outcomes include:

Childhood Immunizations Combo Three, Adolescent Immunizations, Breast Cancer Screenings, Cervical Cancer Screenings, Colorectal Screenings, Cholesterol Screenings and Generic Prescribing.

Administrative efficiencies and technology include: Electronic Billing, Electronic Prescribing, Use of Patient Registries as well as attendance at WPA / Health Plan meetings.

To participate, you need to submit a signed fee schedule amendment to your standard WPA / SMHP agreement.

If you would like to learn more about this new exciting initiative offered through SMHP, contact the WPA office at 775-827-5775 or email newsletter@wpareno.com

Physician Office Breakfast Meeting with Saint Mary's Health Plans

Take advantage of this opportunity to meet with key Saint Mary's Health Plans' contacts, hear about pertinent updates and initiatives, including: recent claims system conversion, updated online provider portal, future plans for saintmaryshealthplans.com and more.

There will be representation from the following departments: Credentialing, Provider Relations, Contracting, Member Services, Medical Management, Claims and Sales. Plus, meet Dee Schafer, Director of Physician Relations for Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center.



Tuesday December 6, 2011, 7:30-9:00 am
Airport Plaza
1981 Terminal Way
Reno, NV



*This event is open to area physicians and key personnel/office staff.
Breakfast will be served.*

Three simple ways to RSVP today!
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