



## Newsletter - May 2024

MAY IS....

**Skin Cancer Awareness Month**  
**Mental Health Awareness Month**  
**Nurse's Day—May 12th**

*From the desk of the  
Executive Director*

We are now approaching the second half of our collaboration measurement periods and it is a great time to look at your practice performance and strategy for success. Below are a few *best practices* that will help our network achieve our goals:

### Preventative Care

- Schedule Annual Wellness Visits (AWV) and Complete Physical Exams (CPE) for all members
- Prepare and deliver an AWV packet for patient completion ahead of the visit
- In advance of the meeting, review open gaps in care
- Use modifier 25 to combine an AWV+CPE or AWV+E/M on claims

### Quality Performance

- Prioritize closing triple weighted measures
- Enter results into population health tools, submit flat files, or implement data exchanges with payer partners
- Use CPT II codes to help close the quality measures via claims submissions

### Risk Adjustment

- Code to accurate specificity to disease states and ensure medical records support codes
- Participate in available clinical documentation integrity training opportunities and chart reviews
- Ensure all coding is documented in the medical record

*Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!*

### Educational opportunity corner...

Click the links to register

6/18/24 [Risk Adjustment Model Updates](#)

6/19/24 [Depression and Personality Disorders for Medicare Advantage](#)

### Skin Cancer Awareness Month |

It is a time for us to speak up about the dangers of skin cancer, share the facts about sun protection and early detection to help save lives. With over 5 million cases diagnosed in the United States each year, skin cancer is America's most common cancer. Fortunately, skin cancer is also one of the most preventable cancers. By sharing facts about the dangers of unprotected sun exposure and encouraging people to check their skin for warning signs, we can and will save lives.

#### **We can't do this work alone!**

<https://www.skincancer.org/get-involved/skin-cancer-awareness-month/toolkit/>

**Mental Health Awareness** is vital to our overall health and well

being. Providing resources and information is key in supporting those whom may need mental health support.

<https://www.nami.org/get-involved/awareness-events/mental-health-awareness-month/>

#### **PHQ9 form**

<https://www.apa.org/depression-guideline/patient-health-questionnaire.pdf>

### **Nurse's Day** Lets give a shout out to all **NURSES!**

**1974** In January of that year, the International Council of Nurses (ICN)

proclaimed that May 12 would be "International Nurse Day." (May 12 is the birthday of Florence Nightingale.) Since 1965, the ICN has celebrated "International Nurse Day."

A big **THANK YOU** to all the **Nurses** working and caring for patients in our Practices!!

