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## Want to Save Money? PROVIDER SELECT:MD Now Available through UHS to All SSACO Participants

As an SSACO Participant, practices now have access to ProviderSelect: MD - one of the largest group purchasing organizations in the country. Universal Health Services, Inc. ("UHS") is a member of ProviderSelect, as well as an owner and Preferred Provider of Silver State ACO. Therefore, SSACO practices are considered "affiliates" and can reap the benefits of membership – but with no cost to join.

ProviderSelect:MD is a program of Premier, a leading healthcare improvement company. This gives the practice access to high volume contract pricing, with no minimum purchases or commitments. The portfolio of goods and services is comprehensive, including medical supplies as well as furniture and equipment. For further information you may email: [providerselect@uhsinc.com](mailto:providerselect@uhsinc.com). A brochure with additional detail is attached to this newsletter's email.

## Practice Meeting June 6<sup>th</sup> – Informative and FUN



Silver State ACO's practice meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup> at Summerlin Hospital was chock full of important information – from the benefits of how to do Medicare Annual Wellness visits to details on how to increase vaccine rates. If you missed it, feel free to ask your Quality Coordinator for information provided at the meeting. And, certainly, make time to join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at Summerlin Hospital.

As an added dash of fun, winners names were pulled from those who responded to the April and May newsletters, as well as from all attendees. Winners selected from various gift baskets. Pictured, above, is Araksia Yeghishyan, Red Rock Medical Group, one of the winners. For your chance to win, respond to the email to which this newsletter was attached with the phrase "Make me a winner, too" in the subject line. More pictures at the back of this newsletter.

## Experian CareCertainty Program is GREAT – But Only if You Use It...

The facts: 20% of Medicare patients are readmitted within 30 days. 76% of those readmissions are due to poor transitions of care, costing \$15 Billion (yes, with a B!) of possibly unnecessary costs.

CMS has acknowledged what PCPs have long known – the best way to prevent a patient from *returning* to the hospital is to see them as soon as possible after they've been discharged. That's why CMS created the Transitional Care Management program and payment codes (99495 and 99496). CMS will pay the practice substantially more for these post-acute visits. We've attached a review of the program, direct from MLN, CMS's educational arm, to this newsletter.

One of the challenges to this program has been knowing when a patient is in the hospital. Silver State ACO has worked with Experian to develop a system for notifying a practice when one of their patients is in the hospital, as well as when they're discharged. This means real time email notification that your patient has been discharged, giving you a headstart on trying to contact the patient to set an appointment for the TCM post-acute visit.

Every practice has access to this system at no cost to the practice. And, numerous employees at the practice can access the data (without receiving emails all day). Some of our practices are using the system regularly and effectively, and seeing dramatic results – in patient care as well as to their financial bottom line. Are you making the most of the program? Would you like an SSACO representative to come to meet you personally and assist you in integrating the system into your workflow? All you need to do is call. We're here to help – your practice and all our patients. Please speak to your Quality Coordinator or call our office directly.

A few helpful notes:

A medicine reconciliation must be done at the face to face visit required in order to bill the TCM code.

Extenders (Nurse Practitioners and Physicians Assistants) may provide the services.

Contact must be made within two business days post discharge. (So, for example, if someone is discharged on Tuesday, contact must be made by end of day Thursday).

Some practices have recommended waiting until 30 days post discharge to bill these codes. This is because CMS may not pay until then for various reasons, included that they may not yet know that the patient has been discharged.

## Summer Recommendations from the National Institute on Aging – Please Share with your Patients

Summer is here and so is hot weather! Too much time in the heat can cause health problems, especially in older adults. Lower your risk by:

- Drinking plenty of liquids, such as water or fruit/vegetable juices. Stay away from drinks containing alcohol or caffeine.

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Stay Safe and Enjoy!

- Keeping your house as cool as possible. Limit your use of the oven. Keep your shades, blinds, or curtains closed during the hottest part of the day.
- Spending time during mid-day some place that has air conditioning—for example, go to the shopping mall, movies, library, senior center, or a friend's house.

But, don't let the heat stop you from exercising! Check out this [20-minute Go4Life exercise video](#) you can do at home.

Get more information about [staying safe in hot weather](#).

**2019 Recruitment – In Full Swing...**

Have you been helped by your Quality Coordinators? Have you learned something at one of our practice meetings? Have you seen an increase to revenue at your practice? Have you received clarification on an issue from someone at the SSACO office? If so, you appreciate the benefit of being a Silver State ACO participant. Why not share the benefits with your friends / other practices you deal with? Please let us know if you'd like to recommend a practice to join us for 2019. We'll do the rest. Remember - the person who forwards the greatest number of "leads" will be awarded a special prize at the October practice meeting.

**THANK YOU,  
GOLDEN KNIGHTS,  
FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON!**

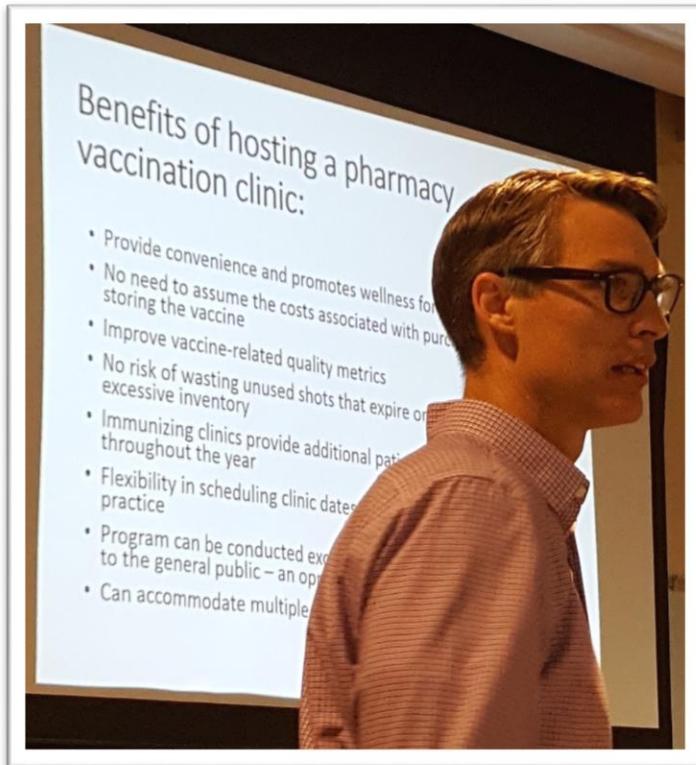
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# Silver State ACO Practice Management Meeting – Photos

## June 6, 2018 – Summerlin Hospital



Dr. Pej Bady  
Abrams Eye Institute and  
PriMMed Pain Specialists



Dan Heller  
Smith's Pharmacy  
Discussing Vaccination Clinics



Iran Rodriguez and Sharon Watson,  
SSACO Executive Assistants.  
Iran (left) recently said farewell to SSACO.  
Sharon will be replacing her position.

## Additional Photos from the Practice Meeting ....



Adiba Nauray  
Red Rock Medical Center  
Basket Winner!



Vicky Anderson (left), winner of kids fun basket with Wendy Capers (right) to whom she gave the basket, with Rena Kantor, SSACO Director of Operations.



Carrie Reilly (pictured left)  
Diagnostic Center of Medicine  
Basket Winner!