

# Newsletter



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## *For ACO Participants when Reporting Promoting Interoperability (“PI”)*

### *– Report as a **GROUP** – NOT as an Individual*

Make sure you are prepared to report the Promoting Interoperability category of MIPS. Remember this is the **practices responsibility** and is a **requirement** for successfully reporting MIPS.

When you attest to Promoting Interoperability – You **must** remember to do so as a **GROUP**. The ACO is considered a group, so although you may only have one practicing physician in your office, you still **must choose the group** reporting option in order to receive credit for this category.

Please print out your 2018 Performance Year Reports and set up your HARP access, if you haven’t already.

Please also be diligent in scheduling quality reporting meetings with your Quality Coordinator. We have limited time to complete our reporting and want to allow as much time for reviews as possible.

As always, if you have any questions or need help with anything, your Quality Coordinators are always available.

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## **CMS Transitions Identity Management System from EIDM to HARP**

The Centers of Medicare and Medicaid is transitioning from the Enterprise Identity Data Management [EIDM] to a new identity management system called Healthcare Quality Information System Access Roles and Profile System or for short, HARP.

Once your practice is granted access, you will be able to view, submit, and manage MIPS data (Promoting Interoperability) for your organization.

If you already have an active EIDM account, you do not need to take any action, your account will automatically be migrated to HARP. You will maintain your current user ID and password.

Here's a link to the new HARP registration site:

<https://qpp.cms.gov/login?page=register>

Remember, this system is required for you to file the Promoting Interoperability category within MIPS. Please make sure that you follow the link above to login and double check that your organization information is correct. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your Quality Coordinator.

## **SSACO Physicians Show Their Appreciation – AGAIN!**

SSACO Physicians were pleased to earn Shared Savings for 2017. They acknowledge the team effort required to do so. The physicians have graciously agreed to set aside money, from funds which are available to them, to assist SSACO going forward. These funds will be utilized to reward best performers; Incentivize groups to close gaps in care and organize and arrange for educational opportunities (i.e. HCC scoring, best practices and ideas for workflows and closing gaps in care).

In addition, once again, SSACO physicians voted to show support and appreciation to the “front line” – practice staff who are engaged and help implement and improve Silver State ACO systems. They showed this support tangibly - by paying bonuses to those who attended SSACO Practice Staff meetings during 2018. Bonus checks were delivered in time for last-minute holiday shopping.

And... don't forget to rsvp for our next practice meeting – In Southern Nevada on **Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at Desert Springs Hospital** (morning session [breakfast] at 7:30, afternoon [lunch] session at 11:30 a.m. or, in Northern Nevada on **Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at Northern Nevada Medical Center – Sparks Building**, 5:00 p.m. Appetizers will be served.

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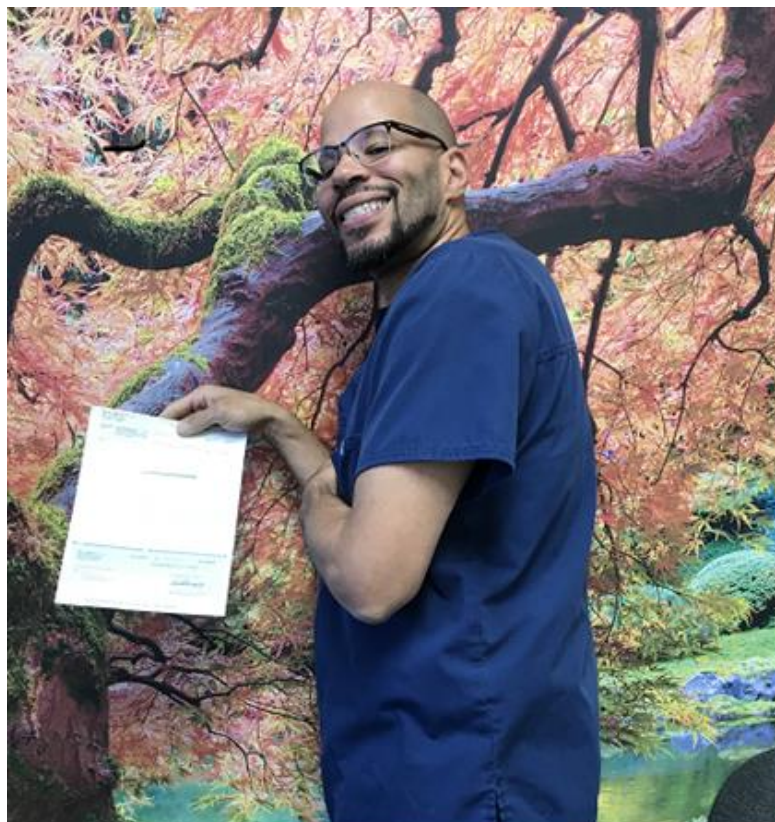
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Gene Talley, Jateko Family Medicine, smiling with his check, in front of a beautiful mural in their new office.

Winners of the Gaps in Care Contest will be announced at the January meetings.

Be sure to mark your calendar for all 2019 meetings:

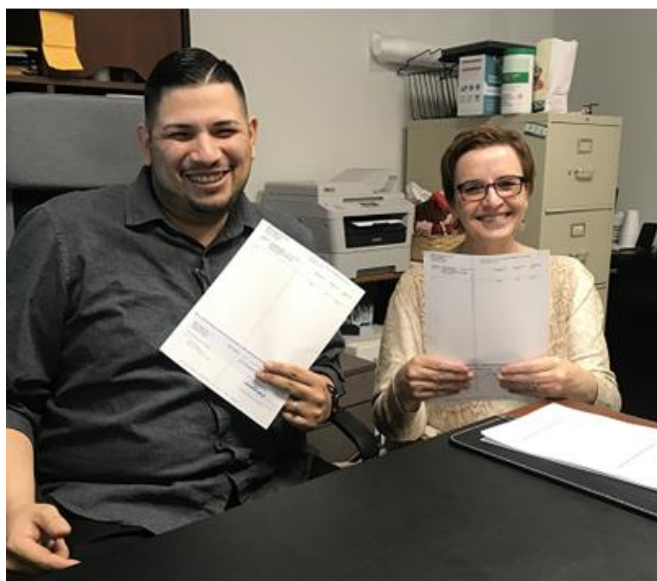
Southern Nevada:

Wednesday, May 1, 2019 - Summerlin Hospital

Wednesday, September 11, 2019 – Desert Springs Hospital

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 – Summerlin Hospital

Northern Nevada dates coming soon.



Luis Bobbys and Adiba Nauray, Red Rock Medical Group, happy they attended Practice Managers meetings during 2018.



**PLEASE WELCOME THE NEW PRACTICES THAT HAVE JOINED  
SILVER STATE ACO for 2019:**

*Antonio Serru Paez MD Professional Corporation  
Bacchus Wakefield Kahan PC (aka P3)*

*Dina S. Burke MD LLC*

*Edward K Tsai*

*Fulgencio Antuna MD PLLC*

*Parker Medical PLLC*

*Reno Family Physicians*

*Vista Family Medicine LLC*

Visit our website, [www.silverstateaco.com](http://www.silverstateaco.com), for a full listing of Silver State ACO Participants. The Silver State ACO Preferred Provider Network, including a downloadable pdf, can also be found on our website under the “Affiliates” tab.

**SILVER STATE ACO CONTINUES TO GROW FOR 2019**

Silver State ACO continues to generate results and improve – in quality reporting scores, identifying opportunities for our Participant practices, and earning shared savings. We continue to develop relationships with our providers and identify each groups’ potential. We learn from each other, thereby creating a better team, overall.

Each team member – provider, practice manager or SSACO employee - brings something special. We are excited to announce that for 2019, Silver State ACO will be comprised of 44 groups. These groups include approximately 720 providers, of whom 470 are PCPs. The total number of attributed beneficiaries remains about the same – 42,000! Overall, our practices see nearly 75,000 Medicare Fee for Service patients.

Having earned shared savings three years in a row (something very few ACOs have done!) – 2015-2016-2017 – we are proud of our past performance and excited for the future!

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### **New Wound Care Center Open at Henderson Hospital**

The Wound Care Center's comprehensive approach to wound management utilizes the latest clinical tools and traditional clinical practices. Your patient's individualized treatment plan may include specialized wound dressings, debridement, compression therapy, hyperbaric oxygen therapy, advanced PCR/DNA wound cultures, prescription growth factors, advanced cellular products, edema management and non-invasive vascular assessment.

*Dr. Bonnie Fraser, Medical Director, states: "Our Wound Care Center has been an innovative service for the medical community. Together with some of the new products and proven clinical practice guidelines, our patients have seen amazing results."*

*Who May Benefit from this Specialized Care?* If your patient's wound isn't healing, they may benefit from the proven, best-practice methodologies at the Henderson Hospital Wound Care Clinic. Some of the indications for wound therapy include diabetic, neuropathic, pressure or ischemic ulcers; venous insufficiency; traumatic or surgical wounds; vasculitis; burns; peristomal skin irritations or other chronic, non-healing wounds

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT) helps the body's oxygen-dependent, wound healing mechanisms function more efficiently. While enclosed in a clear, large chamber, patients breathe pure oxygen, saturating their blood plasma and allowing it to carry from 15 to 20 times the normal amount of oxygen to the body's tissues. These treatments are provided by physicians who are specialty trained in hyperbaric medicine as well as our highly-trained clinical hyperbaric technicians and staff. When a wound does not respond to regular medical care, advanced modalities like HBOT therapy often help patients heal.

### **From the National Institute on Aging**

Your practice can engage help from non-locals. Anyone, anywhere, can be a long-distance caregiver, no matter gender, income, age, social status, or employment. Long-distance caregivers can take on different roles. They may:

- Help with finances, money management, or bill paying
- Arrange for in-home care—hire professional caregivers or home health or nursing aides and help get needed durable medical equipment
- Locate care in an assisted living facility or skilled nursing facility

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- Provide emotional support and occasional respite care for a primary caregiver, the person who takes on most of the everyday caregiving responsibilities
- Serve as an information coordinator—research health problems or medicines, help navigate through a maze of new needs, and clarify insurance benefits and claims
- Keep family and friends updated and informed
- Create a plan and get paperwork in order in case of an emergency
- Evaluate the house and make sure it's safe for the older person's needs

Sometimes, your patients can use all the help they can get. Be sure not to ignore options for long-distance caregivers. Additional information on the NIA website:

<https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/getting-started-long-distance-caregiving>

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## *More Pictures of Practice Staff who Earned Bonuses for Attendance at 2018 Meetings.*

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Katie Bowman, Sundance Medical Group, who attended several office staff meetings



Anissa Burnham, Dr. Betty Yao's office, attended all office staff meetings in 2018



Wendi Capers, Priority Health Group who attended several office staff meetings