



## Newsletter—September Edition 2023

### Greetings from our Executive Director

Dear Participating Providers and Practice Staff,

As we enter Q4 of our collaborations measurement year we need to take the opportunity to improve our scores, close open gaps in care and improve the quality of care for all our patients, especially those at high risk. In order to achieve success, we urge you to focus on the following 4 value-based care tasks:

#### Quality Value Based Care Tasks

1. Complete annual wellness and/or preventative visits for members that have not had one in 2023
2. Reach out to Patients:
  - a. Encourage them to schedule needed preventative and biometric screenings (mammograms, colon screening, diabetic eye exams, A1c, blood pressure)
  - b. Review Rx adherence for chronic conditions
3. Accurately code and document Hierarchical Chronic Conditions (HCC) with appropriate specificity.
4. Enter all information into the appropriate population tools and/or supply requested documentation of complete tasks and test results

CSMS-IPA can assist you with prioritizing tasks, gaps in care, education, reports, the use of the population health tools and requested data submission. We also have resources on our website that may help you. [www.csms-ipa.com](http://www.csms-ipa.com). Working together we can achieve success!

Wishing you a fabulous fall,

*Neyssa Stallmann-Guerino*

### Coding Corner: Depression Screening codes

**G04444:** Annual depression screening: The service must be provided in a primary care setting in place of service. It can be done by a physician or clinical personal.

**CPT 96127:** can be billed **on the same date of service as other common services** and is appropriate when used as part of a standard clinical intake. Primary care and other specialists may use CPT code 96127 when screening and assessing their patients, up to four times per year per patient .

### Please refer to payer policies for reimbursement and we only highlight areas of coding

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### September is National Suicide Awareness

**Month:** Suicide is a major public health concern and becoming a leading cause in death. Please make sure to do depression screenings on all patients, remember it is not always apparent that someone is struggling till asked. We all have to do our part to help one another in these trying times.

**988 Suicide and Crisis Hotline:** <https://988lifeline.org>

### Helpful Info and Reminders:

**Hedis chart review—** It is that time of year that our payor partners will be requesting Hedis chart reviews. Reminder that Providers are contractually obligated to comply.

**SOGI—Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity:** CMS and Insurance carriers are starting to ask for SOGI data on patients. Practices should be or start getting a process in place to ask and record this data in their EMR and patient charts.

**SDOH—Social Determinants of Health:** Below are links to updated SDOH resources

[Improving the Collection of Social Determinants of Health \(SDOH\) Data with ICD-10-CM Z Codes \(2023\)](#)

[Using SDOH Z Codes Can Enhance Your Quality Improvement Initiatives](#)

#### Please note:

CSMS-IPA will be sending out a survey via Survey Monkey application to see how offices are collecting SOGI data, please make every attempt to fill out this quick survey and send back. We appreciate your cooperation and feedback.

**Anthem reminder** -Collaborating to improve the patient experience. Multiple eLearning modules offer care providers and their staff practical ways to enhance patient experience.

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