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Free Webinar May 8: "The Advantages of EHR Submission vs. Claims or Registry Submission"

Information & Quality Healthcare (IQH), the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Mississippi, will welcome Dr. Magdi Wassef, physician owner of Southaven Internal Medicine, as he shares highlights on the advantages of EHR submission on a free webinar Tuesday, May 8.

Southaven is the first practice in the U.S. to successfully submit PQRS measures for the 2011 reporting period via its EHR, Vitera Intergy with Practice Analytics.

Registration for the free webinar closes at noon May 7. More information is available by contacting Erica Morrison at

IQH Insights

Handwashing has been identified as the number one preventive measure for reducing all HAIs. Teach your staff, patients and families to lather their hands with soap, and wash palms, wrist, fingers, between fingers and the backs of their hands for at least 15 seconds.

emorrisson@vaqio.sdps.org or 804-387-6204.

Dr. Wassef will discuss key tactics for successful PQRS reporting for healthcare providers interested in submitting measures to CMS. His presentation will share why quality reporting is important to physician practices and will offer examples of IACS registration and EHR PQRS submission.

Registration for this free webinar is available at:
<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=c9unghdab&oeidk=a07e5soleqv219f0f71>

Hospital Submission Deadline Reminder

May 15 is the submission deadline for hospitals to complete the Structural Measures and Data Accuracy and Completeness Acknowledgement (DACA) requirements for the Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program for Fiscal Year 2013.

The Structural Measure questions and DACA are available for all hospitals to answer; however, for FY2013, it is required only for hospitals with an active Hospital IQR Program Notice of Participation. For questions regarding information about the Structural Measure questions and DACA, contact Dale Bridges at IQH, 601-957-1575 ext. 223 or dbridges@msqio.sdps.org.

New Tools

[Core Measures
Pocket Guide](#)

[Core Measures
Booklet](#)

Upcoming Events

May 2, 2012 Stroke Care Symposium

May 8, 2012 The Advantages of EHR Submission vs. Claims or Registry Submission FREE webinar!

May 2012 May is National High Blood Pressure Education Month

May 2012 May is National Stroke Awareness Month

May 13-19, 2012 National Nursing home Week

Joint Position Statement on Hyperglycemia Treatment

After several years of planning, discussion and review, new guidelines for managing elevated blood glucose levels in people with type 2 diabetes, developed jointly by the American Diabetes Association and the European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD), are being published concurrently in the Association's journal, April 19 online edition of Diabetes Care and in EASD's journal, Diabetologia.

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