MD’s Corner:
Meet Dr. Waldemar Rosario

Welcome to Community Health Network of CT’s Healthy Connections newsletter. As the new Chief Medical Officer for the organization, in 2015, I will strive to improve the health outcomes of the populations we serve. This is best accomplished by a collaborative effort between providers, CHNCT, and the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS). I bring 13 years of experience in Medical Management (mostly FQHCs) to CHNCT, along with several years of health plan experience. In future newsletters, I will be providing updates on some of the activities that are of interest to the provider community.

We are currently at the beginning of our HEDIS season and are excited about the opportunity to supply the provider community with HEDIS training, along with a HEDIS Quick reference guide. Please refer to the adjacent article for more details. In the future, we will provide you with updates on our clinical studies on Hepatitis C and ADHD treatment.

I am looking forward to working very closely and in a collaborative way with the provider community.

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The HEDIS® Season Will Begin in January 2015

The Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) is a tool used to measure performance on important dimensions of care and service. Community Health Network of Connecticut (CHNCT), serving as the Administrative Services Organization (ASO) for the state of Connecticut’s Department of Social Services (DSS), will be collecting, processing, and reporting the data for this annual project.

HEDIS will be conducted from January through May of 2015 and will address the services that were rendered in 2014. We will be contacting providers for the required clinical information. Records may be submitted by fax, mail, or at an on-site review. Due to the important nature of this time-sensitive project, we will be available to assist providers with the record retrieval process as needed.

CHNCT is a Business Associate of DSS and complies with applicable Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) regulations. CHNCT utilizes HEDIS results for continuous quality improvement efforts and provider pay-performance initiatives.

For additional information, the HEDIS Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document is located at the following website: www.huskyhealth.com. Select “For Providers,” and then “Frequently Asked Questions.”

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss the process or schedule a meeting, please call the HEDIS line at 203.626.7258 or email HEDIS@chnct.org.

Your cooperation with this data collection is appreciated.
Provider Portal Reports and CareAnalyzer®

Primary Care Practitioners

DID YOU KNOW ...

...That Reports to Help With Managing Your HUSKY Health Population are at Your Fingertips?

As a PCP, you have direct access to the data on the HUSKY members attributed to you.

There are two ways we can help you gain valuable information as to where your HUSKY patients may be seeking and receiving additional care, and identify possible gaps in care that may require intervention:

CareAnalyzer®

CareAnalyzer is a web-based analytics tool used by CHNCT that combines elements of patient risk, care opportunities, and provider performance on a variety of quality measures. A variety of reports are available within CareAnalyzer that will help primary care providers (PCPs) understand their members’ healthcare experiences. PCPs may request access to these reports to assist them in identifying HUSKY members requiring care management services.

For more information about CareAnalyzer or to schedule a CareAnalyzer training, call 203.949.4152 so we can set up a time to meet with you.

HUSKY Health Website

Provider Portal Reports

Additional reports are also available on the HUSKY Health website’s secure Provider Portal. Our self-service Provider Portal enables PCPs to access the following reports:

- Patient Panel Report
- ED Utilization Report
- Inpatient Census Activity
- Inpatient Claims Report
- Pharmacy Claims Report

Gaps in Care Reports:
- Diabetes Screening Tests
- Child Well-Care Visits
- Cancer Screenings
- Preventive Visits Ages 22-49
- Preventive Visits Ages 50-64

To learn how to request access to your Portal Reports, CLICK HERE.

Working Together to Improve HUSKY Health Outcomes!

Enhanced Rates Extended

In order to continue increased primary care payments for dates of service beyond December 31, 2014, the Connecticut General Assembly appropriated funding within the Medicaid biennial (State Fiscal Years 2014/2015) budget.

Accordingly, the Department is establishing a policy for primary care increased payments that falls within the available appropriation. This policy will be referred to as the HUSKY Health Primary Care Increased Payments Policy. PB 2014-75 amends previous requirements published in PB 2013-08, PB 2013-37, and PB 2014-11.

The HUSKY Health Primary Care Increased Payments Policy is effective for dates of service January 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015. Continuation for the Primary Care Increased Payments Policy beyond June 30, 2015 is contingent upon whether funding is appropriated for State Fiscal Year 2016 by the General Assembly.

Policy transmittals can be downloaded from the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program website at www.ctdssmap.com.