



PO Information:

Meetings

- The final two fall regional meetings are taking place in Kalamazoo/Grey Wolf (November 7th) and Grand Rapids/Blue Gill (November 8th).
- The PO monthly calls this month are taking place on Wednesday, November 8th at 2pm and Monday, November 13th at 11am.
- On November 17th, Dr. Dina Griauzde, a primary care physician board certified in obesity treatment, will be giving a presentation on weight loss medications. Please share this with your practices, as this is a topic we get many questions about and there seems to be significant interest from the sites. CME is offered for attendance at the live session and learning community VBR is available for both the live and recorded sessions.

VBR

- There are multiple requirements coming up this month related to the Quality Initiative Focus VBR metrics
 - First, we are asking that you convene a meeting with your practice clinical champions to discuss the target rate and the process changes that each practice will implement.
 - Then, by November 15th, submit your target rate in the administrative portal.
 - Finally, by November 30th, submit the proposed process changes in the administrative portal as well.
- We will be scheduling the PO-level calls for each Quality Initiative focus for sometime in January. Invites will be sent out this month. The intent of these meetings is to share amongst POs who are working on the same focus.

Specialist Updates

- The nephrology clinical champion call is taking place on Thursday, November 16th at 5:30pm. Attendance at this virtual call from the clinical champion or a substitute nephrologist from the practice is required for the VBR.
- The endocrinology clinical champion call is taking place on Wednesday, November 29th at 5:30pm. Attendance at this virtual call from the clinical champion or a substitute endocrinologist from the practice is required for the VBR.
- Please remind year one endocrinology and nephrology sites that care coordination summaries and case summaries (respectively) are due on January 15th. This represents an extension from the previous due date as BCBSM has extended the timeline on when we need to submit specialists who have met the VBR requirements to them.
- For POs that are planning to enroll endocrinology practices and nephrology practices, all recruitment is due on Friday, November 3rd.

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PO Information (continued):

Patient Empowerment Toolkit

- The Patient Empowerment Toolkit announced at the regional meetings will go live on November 17th. Additional details will be shared with you and your practices regarding the bundle as we get closer to the launch date.