

Value Connection

Arkansas Health Network's Newsletter

Commitment to Quality Improvement

As we continue to concentrate on quality improvement and excellence this fiscal year, we remain focused on appropriate HCC risk adjustment and MSSP Annual Wellness Visits. Our efforts have already shown success, with us meeting CommonSpirit Health's Annual Wellness Visit **national performance benchmark** for 2023, an achievement we are very proud of.

To build on this success, we have created a new **Quality Improvement vertical**. Led by Billy Wooten, RN and Chastity King, RN, this strategic directive aims to enhance quality assurance across all our contracts through practice-level outreach, education, and extensive claims and clinical data analysis.

Performance Spotlight

Humana MA Shared Savings

Arkansas Health Network (AHN) recently received our final performance metrics for Humana MA PY2022. Through advanced care management, we saved Humana \$3.2M and earned \$1.6M in shared savings. Our network pharmacist achieved \$688K in savings by collaborating with one of our providers to transition a patient to a more cost-effective gout medication, while still effectively managing their symptoms. We look forward to continued success in 2024!

Employer Health Plan Cost Savings

Our state-wide alliance for Employer-Based Population Health (EBPH), AR NetPartners, has delivered consistent results, achieving total plan savings for a large Arkansas employer in six of the last seven years. In 2023 alone, we saved an impressive \$3.6M while maintaining a composite quality score of 93.4%. Thank you to all of our providers; none of this would be possible without you!

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Update AHN with Your Provider Information

To maintain network integrity, please notify us of any changes to your provider information. This helps prevent billing issues, ensures correct patient attribution, and supports quality reporting.

Submit updates to Millie Franklin via email at mildred.franklin@commonspirit.org:

- **Check your current provider roster:** Request a list of providers we have for your practice.
- **Add new providers or practices:** Complete the Additional Practice or Provider form [available on our website](#).
- **Remove providers or update provider info:** Provide term dates and updated provider information.

Transition of EBPH Account Management Responsibilities

Claire Barlow, PharmD, AHN Network Pharmacist, has assumed additional **EBPH Account Management responsibilities**. She is excited to strengthen relationships with our current employers.

Pharmacy Corner

Alternatives to High Cost Inhalers for COPD Treatment

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (**COPD**) treatment often relies on Long-Acting Muscarinic Antagonist (LAMA) **inhalers** like Incruse Ellipta® (umeclidinium) and Spiriva® (tiotropium).

Recent studies show that **umeclidinium offers superior efficacy and fewer adverse effects** than tiotropium. This finding suggests a potential shift towards more cost-effective and efficient therapy for managing COPD symptoms.

| Medication Name | Avg Cost Per Day |
|---|------------------|
| Incruse Ellipta® (umeclidinium) <i>Dry Powder</i> | \$9.41 |
| Spiriva Handihaler® (tiotropium) <i>Dry Powder</i> | \$16.72 |
| Spiriva Respimat® (tiotropium) <i>Soft Mist</i> | \$16.31 |

If you are interested in your patient specific information, please contact Claire Barlow at claire.barlow@commonspirit.org.

New Network Participants

Join us in welcoming the following practices to our growing provider network:

Allied Therapy & Consulting Services
Pediatric Physical, Speech, Occupational, and Developmental Therapy

Landmark Recovery of Arkansas
Rehab Center

Elite Physical Therapy
Physical Therapy



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