

Value Connection

Arkansas Health Network's Newsletter



As 2024 comes to a close, we are grateful for the opportunity to continue making a positive impact on the health of our community. Thank you for your invaluable role in helping make AHN one of the country's most successful Clinically Integrated Networks (CIN). We wouldn't be where we are today without the continued support of partners like you!

Brooks Lawrence, MD, Board Chairperson
Bob Sarkar, MBA, FACHE, President & CEO

Clinic-Based Initiative to Drive MSSP Success

As we've highlighted throughout the year, **Annual Wellness Visit (AWV)** compliance and improving **risk recapture** through appropriate Hierarchical Condition Category (HCC) coding have been key initiatives for optimizing our performance in the Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP).

Starting in September, our RN Health Coaches partnered with a select group of practices to advance these efforts through **tailored interventions**, including AWV scheduling support, on-site RN-led AWV completion, and the creation of patient-specific HCC face sheets for providers.

Since then, our team has created over **900** HCC face sheets, scheduled nearly **300** AWV appointments, and performed more than **100** AWVs in clinics. These efforts have positioned us for a record year in AWV completion and improved risk score accuracy, which can lead to increased shared savings. Thank you to everyone who worked on this project!

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AHN Named in Becker's "44 ACOs to Know"

We're proud to be named one of **Becker's Healthcare "44 ACOs to Know" for 2024**. This recognition highlights our commitment to delivering high-quality, value-based care. Thank you to our team, stakeholders, and providers for making this achievement possible!

AHN Team Donates to Angel Tree Program

This holiday season, our team came together to make a meaningful difference, raising funds to sponsor gifts for **8 children** through the CHI St. Vincent **Angel Tree program**. We are grateful for the opportunity to bring joy to children in need!



Updated Adult Depression Guidelines

At our last Clinical Care Committee meeting, we approved an **updated guideline** for depression screening and management. To ensure alignment with nationally recognized standards, we are now following the **American Psychological Association** practice guidelines. The revised guideline is on our website under the [Evidence-Based Medicine Guidelines](#) section.

Pharmacy Corner

Pharmacy Initiative Improves Patient Medication Adherence

In 2024, our Network Pharmacist and RN Health Coaches made over **900 calls** to pharmacies to facilitate the conversion of maintenance medications for hypertension, hyperlipidemia, and diabetes to a 90-day supply for patients within our network. Their efforts resulted in a **60% conversion rate**, helping patients save on out-of-pocket costs and reduce the risk of missed doses.

This initiative supports AHN's commitment to enhancing care and supporting better health outcomes. Looking ahead, we plan to implement similar interventions to further improve medication adherence and patient well-being.

CHI St. Vincent Service Recognition Awards

Three of our exceptional RN Health Coaches were recently recognized at **CHI St. Vincent's Service Recognition Awards Banquet** for their outstanding years of service. Marilyn Cady was honored for 40 years, while Brianna Benton and Patsy Wallace were each celebrated for 25 years. Thank you for your dedication to our mission!



MSSP Quality Payment Program Reporting

As a reminder, AHN is participating in the MSSP Enhanced Track. To remain in the program and be eligible for certain incentives, the following reporting requirements must be met annually:

- Enhanced Track MSSP ACO -- Advanced Alternative Payment Model (AAPM)
- Shielded from MIPS downside risk -- **1.88%** APM Incentive Payment and an increased physician fee schedule update based on the QP conversion factor
- Streamlined reporting requirements compared to MIPS

2024 Reporting Requirements

Quality	Practices do not need to report via MIPS. Requirements met through annual ACO Quality reporting.
Improvement Activities	Practices do not need to report via MIPS. ACO participants receive 100% credit.
Cost	No reporting needed under MIPS.
Promoting Interoperability	ACO groups must report to CMS individually through QPP on an annual basis.

New Network Participants

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

Arkansas Urogynecology & Women's Health

Urogynecology, Urology

arurogyn.com

Christian Perspective Counseling

Behavioral Health

cpcarkansas.com

Compass Family Counseling

Behavioral Health

compasscounselingar.com



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