

MetroWest AHO NEWSLETTER



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WELLFORCE CARE PLAN MEDICAID ACO

Fallon Health Plan along with Wellforce and NEQCA have formed a Medicaid ACO. We have had several meetings with our PCPs and the ACO Participating Agreements (PPAs) are due prior to August 11, 2017. We hope to send these out to our PCPs next week. Once this process has been completed, we will be asking our Specialists who accept Mass Health (Medicaid) to participate in the Medicaid ACO. Major initiative is to move from Fee-For-Service (FFS) to value-based reimbursement. There were three ACO models available and Wellforce has chosen Model A, which has the most sophistication, care coordination, and DSRIP funds. I will be sending you a copy of the PPA after it has been reviewed locally for signature with a detailed explanation. We will also be inviting NEQCA to attend our September 14th Quarterly meeting to answer any questions you may have.

TOTAL ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATION –

TACO We will have a final decision on whether or not we will continue with TACO by the end of August. We will probably continue to outreach and have additional documents signed for a “Plan B” alternative with NEQCA NextGen. We will keep you informed as soon as we have a definitive answer. It is our hope to remain in TACO through 2018. Please continue to check your mwmc.com e-mails. If you have any issues with e-mail please contact Deborah Turpin @ Deborah.turpin@mwmc.com for assistance if the HELP DESK-508-383-1890-is unable to assist.

NEQCA PROGRAM ON MACRA & MIPS

We are strongly encouraging our providers & office managers who are **not** part of TACO to attend the upcoming August 16 session. Please register today.

Date: Wednesday, August 16, 2017

Networking Reception: 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Program: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Place: [The Conference Center at Waltham Woods](#), 860 Winter Street, Waltham, MA **Presenter:** Leila Volinsky, MHA, MSN, RN, Program Administrator

[Click here to register](#)

LAB ALTERNATIVES In the past we have had a contract with MWMC to perform our lab work. They are now outsourcing their business. We are letting our physicians know that they can continue to send to MWMC or seek other alternatives. Lisa Elliott who is the Director of Employer and Strategic Initiatives from **Quest Diagnostics** recently attended our PCP Dinner meeting to give a presentation on cost saving opportunities through their partnership with NEQCA. They currently have Patient Service Centers located in several surrounding communities including Framingham, Wellesley Hills, Marlborough, Westborough, Northborough, & Milford. For other lab locations; arrange pick-ups or any other questions please contact:

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Quest is committed to working with AHO members to meet our needs.

BIO REFERENCE LAB has recently opened a second location in Natick, 67 Union Street, 5th Floor - Suite 505A
Phone: 508-545-8060 Fax: 508-545-8045
Hours: M-F 7:00 am - 5:30 pm *Open Through Lunch*
These labs are additional resources for your patients requiring lab work.

ONCOLOGY Dr. Spigelman will be leaving the end of the month. Charles River oncologists will be helping Dr. Seetharaman during this transition period. We feel that this is a good solution.

TERTIARY CARE should be sent to Tufts Medical Center or Floating Hospital unless there are extenuating circumstances that require referrals to another tertiary facility.

FOND FAREWELL We want to wish Srdjan Perisic a fond farewell. His last day with us was July 28th. For coding needs and questions please contact Tina Cardella @ NEQCA ccardella@negca.org.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

WWW.MWHEALTHCAREALLIANCE.COM

GOING LIVE LATER THIS MONTH