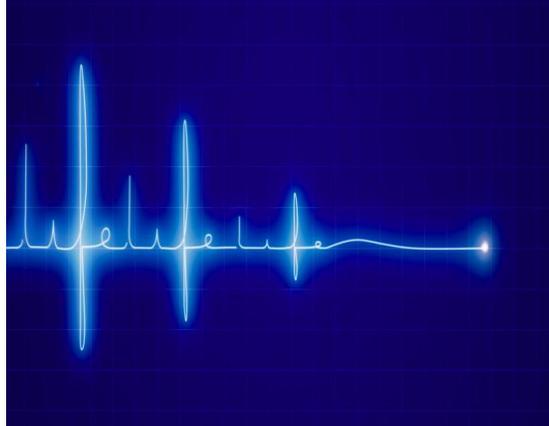


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## GILA MULTI-SPECIALTY INDEPENDENT PRACTICE ASSOCIATION

### GMIPA MISSION:

To organize and operate a quality-driven and cost effective health care delivery system. The association consists of healthcare providers who enter into membership agreements with GMIPA to facilitate an environment that promotes healthcare practice viability.

### **CMS finalizes rules for Medicare Shared Savings Program**

*Continued Growth in ACO Programs is a Core Component of Delivery System Reform*

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a final rule updating the Medicare Shared Savings Program to encourage the delivery of high-quality care for Medicare beneficiaries and build on the early successes of the program and of the Pioneer Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Model. This final rule is an effort to provide support for the care provider community in creating a delivery system with better care, smarter spending, and healthier people.

The Medicare Shared Savings Program final rule will both enhance the focus on primary care services and provide additional flexibility in the program, which should grow participation. CMS made these modifications to the proposed regulations after considering comments received from the December 2014 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

“Accountable Care Organizations have shown early but exciting progress in improving quality of care, while providing more patient-centered care at a lower cost,” said CMS Acting Administrator Andy Slavitt. “The ACO rules strengthen our ability to reward better care and lay the groundwork for more providers to become successful ACOs.”

### July 28- World Hepatitis Day

Visit: <http://www.worldhepatitisday.info/>

### August- National Breastfeeding Month

Visit: <http://www.usbreastfeeding.org/NBM>

### September - National Substance Abuse Recovery Month

SAMHSA Materials available

Email: [SAMHSAInfo@samhsa.hhs.gov](mailto:SAMHSAInfo@samhsa.hhs.gov)

Visit [www.recoverymonth.gov/](http://www.recoverymonth.gov/)



## Supreme Court Upholds ACA Subsidies in All States

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) avoided a potential death blow when the Supreme Court ruled that citizens in 34 states that did not establish their own insurance marketplaces, or exchanges, are eligible for premium subsidies under the 2010 law.

The decision offers relief to 6.4 million Americans in those 34 states who have purchased private coverage with the help of subsidies.

For the second time now, the ACA has survived Supreme Court scrutiny. In 2012, the high court upheld the law's individual mandate to purchase coverage, but made Medicaid expansion optional for states. The high court said that Section 36B and its "established by the state" wording was ambiguous, forcing it to interpret that bit of text in light of the entire law. It concluded that Congress had intended premium subsidies for citizens of all states. It was "implausible," the court said, that Congress would have written the law to deny subsidies to individuals in states with federally established exchanges, which would have doomed them to failure. "Congress passed the Affordable Care Act to improve health insurance markets, not to destroy them. If at all possible, we must interpret the act in a way that is consistent with the former, and avoids the latter."



## The Biller and Coder Corner

### United Healthcare Offers support for ICD-10 Transition

#### Recommendation for Providers to Prepare for ICD-10 Transition

Physicians and facilities should begin preparing immediately for the transition. To assist providers, the United Healthcare ICD-10 web page includes education, tools and resources to support you. For example, you can use the [ICD-10 Provider Readiness Checklist](#), which outlines all critical elements and actions needed for the ICD-10 transition. The [ICD-10 Code Look up Tool](#) can help you understand how they will interpret and map ICD-9 codes to the new ICD-10 codes.

### GMIPA/BCBS Contracts Currently Being Negotiated

#### FRIENDLY REMINDER

The GMIPA is currently reviewing all lines of service for BCBS and addressing reimbursement expectations and requests. As you may be aware, the four lines of service are:

1. BCBS Commercial
2. BCBS Community (Exchange)
3. BCBS Centennial (Medicaid)
4. BCBS Medicare Advantage

**If you have not yet submitted you ballots and requests, please contact the GMIPA office at 575-538-2355 or email: [rebekka.vanness@gmipa.com](mailto:rebekka.vanness@gmipa.com)**

## BCBSNM and NCQA - the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) on Alcohol and Other Drug Dependence in Behavioral Health

As noted on the NCQA website, the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) is a tool used by more than 90 percent of health plans in the U.S. to measure performance on important areas of care and service. Collectively, HEDIS consists of 75 measures across eight categories of care.\*

HEDIS measurements that are specific to Behavioral Health services include, but are not limited to:

- Antidepressant medication management (AMM)
- Initiation and engagement in treatment following a substance abuse diagnosis (IET)
- Seven and 30-day follow up after a mental health hospitalization (FUH)
- Follow-up care for children prescribed ADHD medication (ADD)

BCBSNM has implemented a formal Quality Improvement Program (QIP) to help increase the number of members initiating and engaging in alcohol or other drug dependence treatment. Programs will be implemented to facilitate coordination with facilities and providers to identify members admitting with a diagnosis of alcohol or other drug dependence, as well as to assist members with setting up post discharge follow-up care.

### What can you do to help?

You may identify patients during the initiation of treatment for substance dependence and encourage them to seek ongoing treatment to prevent future relapse. You may assist your patients by discussing treatment options and facilitating follow-up care. If you feel that a patient may need counseling or psychiatric referrals, you also have the option to refer them to the BCBSNM Behavioral Health Case Management Program by calling the number on the back of the member's ID card.

To share feedback or learn more, visit the [Clinical Resources/Behavioral Health Care Management Program](#) section of the BCBSNM website.

## Hidalgo Medical Services Family Medicine Residents Graduate



L to R- Dr. Ben Cluff, Charlie Alfero, Center for Health Innovation Executive Director, Dr. Algele Sumulong and HMS CEO, Ms. Harriet Brandstetter

June 27, 2015- Congratulations to Dr. Benjamin Cluff and Dr. Algele Sumulong on their graduation from the HMS Family Medicine Residency Program. The HMS Family Medicine Residency Program offers top quality training in the urban setting at UNM during the intern year, followed by a two-year family medicine residency experience in the rural communities of southwest New Mexico. This ACGME-accredited program has been specifically tailored to provide unsurpassed expertise in rural and frontier family medicine and is the first program in New Mexico to receive Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education (THCGME) designation from the Human Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). This was truly a community effort with Gila Regional Medical Center hospital and numerous primary care providers, specialists and subspecialists all actively involved in the training and mentoring of these doctors. Special thanks goes to Charlie Alfero and HMS Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Darrick Nelson for their tireless work towards this programs success.

# Become a Member

We provide infrastructure, negotiating clout for managed care contracts and a forum to discuss and promote policies that support providers while increasing the quality of services to the patients they serve. As a member of the GMIPA, you are welcome and encouraged to take advantage of these benefits. All new healthcare professionals joining our organization must be certified. Applications can be downloaded from our website at [www.gmipa.com](http://www.gmipa.com). If you have questions, please contact the GMIPA Administrator, Rebekka VanNess, at 575-538-2355 or email at [rebekka.vanness@gmipa.com](mailto:rebekka.vanness@gmipa.com)

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