A Few Words From Jill:

Welcome to the July issue of the RHC Newsletter!

I wanted to take a moment and encourage our Michigan Rural Health Clinics to pre-register for and attend a webinar on Thursday, July 14th related to the POND benchmarking system, sponsored by Lilypad.

The goal is to maximize participation in all of our rural health clinic activities, and as we develop performance improvement education and training resources, the first step is building a database to help us identify priorities. POND is also a way for clinics to practice data collection and reporting that anticipates what will be required in the future.

The webinar is optional but is a great way to understand the basics of enrolling your clinic, entering data, and generating management and benchmark reports. Consider it POND 101.

In addition to the online tutorial for POND, this webinar will help you get your data organized and into the system. Once that happens, Lilypad will set up a call with your team to review the results and discuss opportunities and strategies for performance improvement.

This resource is funded by the Michigan Center for Rural Health and there is no charge for participating clinics.

To register, click here. For an online tutorial, click here.

Enjoy the newsletter and keep up the great work!

SAVE THE DATE: 2022 Rural Health Clinic Practice Management Workshops - September 7, 2022

This dynamic workshop will dive into critical aspects of daily operations and management of a certified Rural Health Clinic. Workshop content will be provided by Health Services Associates professionals. The event will be held September 7, 2022 at Soaring Eagle Resort in Mt. Pleasant, MI.

Stay tuned to the MCRH website and social media channels for conference updates and information, including agenda, presenters, and participant registration - COMING SOON!
These Historic Times: Leveraging Resources to Do Big Things - COMING JULY 13th!

Join me and Shannon Chambers, from the National Organization of State Office of Rural Health, to learn about how resources and stories can be leveraged to expand organizational reach and services.

This webinar will help participants:
- Improve their positioning for expanded impact
- Tell their organizational story
- Identify future resource-building opportunities
- Leverage resources for future growth

Register TODAY!

In Case You Missed It:
RHC Virtual Summit

The RHC Virtual Summit was recently held on June 21st and 22nd. You can now listen/watch my presentation during Day 2 on Linking RHCs and Hospitals for PI Networking, along with every presentation (recordings and slides included) over the two-day event, by clicking here!

RHC July News & Updates

Here are some of the topics impacting the RHC community in Michigan this month. Click on these links to read more:

- NEW: CMS Advancing Rural Maternal Health Equity
- JUST RELEASED: $5 Million for RHC Behavioral Health Initiative Included in House Appropriations Report
- NEW CLASS AND SERVICE: Rural Health Credentialing Specialist (RH-CS)
- NEW: 2022 Million Hearts Hypertension Control Challenge Now Open
- MPCA WEBINAR: Contract Change to Medicaid Health Plan Credentialing Informational Session (recorded June 27, 2022)
- HEALTH ALERT: Monkeypox in Michigan - Clinical Considerations
- NEW: Preparing for Medicaid/CHIP Unwinding
- NEW: RHC CTM Reporting Reminders ($100k funding) (June 2022 due July 31st)
- RESOURCE: Answer the call: 988 Lifeline Suicide & Crisis Network Jobs
- ONGOING: HRSA Payment Program for RHC Buprenorphine-Trained Providers
This interactive training is intended for healthcare practitioners, medical billers, coders, auditors, office managers, and IT professionals involved with authoring clinical documentation, generating E&M progress notes, auditing professional physician service claims, and maintaining a healthy revenue cycle.

The primary course focus will emphasize documentation guidelines set forth by CMS for reporting Evaluation and Management services (E&M), as defined by CPT. The curriculum will provide attendees with a strong grasp of Evaluation and Management auditing, coding, and documentation techniques.

The curriculum is designed to assist in the development and mastery of the necessary skill set to successfully audit Evaluation and Management (E&M) services. This education and training have been designed to promote compliance and minimize the risk mitigation associated with post-payment review and 3rd party audit exposure.

Curriculum specifics will include:
- The “Key Components” associated with E&M code selection
- The differences between the CPT and CMS E&M documentation guidelines
- Discuss the use of utilization benchmarks to target potential risk areas
- Explain the differences between the 1995 and 1997 examination guidelines
- Determining the complexity of medical decision making (MDM)
- The importance to ‘link’ ICD-10-CM codes to E&M services
- Risks associated with certain EHRs solutions (e.g., “wizards”)
- Distinguishing “problem-oriented” from “preventive” E&M services
- What to look for when modifiers are reported with E&M services (e.g., -25)
- How to use a well-constructed audit template to conduct reviews
- Key steps to present audit findings to providers successfully and non-confrontationally

CEU – 4 CEUs approved by AAPC & ArchProCoding

CME – 4 (Continuing Medical Education) Credits for MD, DO, NP, PA, RN:
*This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint providership of the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine, and Association for Rural & Community Health Professional Coding. The University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education to physicians. The University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 11 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Click Here For More Details and Registration

NEW: MDHHS SDOH Partner Meeting: Intersecting Social Determinants - August 9th

Please join the MDHHS Policy and Planning Team on August 9, 2022, as we explore opportunities to connect and improve SDOH efforts in Michigan.

Your perspective is needed as we discuss implementation of the overarching MDHHS Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Strategy.
During this meeting, we will discuss implementation of current SDOH strategies in the 2022 SDOH Strategy, as well as efforts to expand priorities in 2023-2024.

Register for the Online Meeting Here

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates and Resources

A reminder that COVID-19 is still having an impact on our rural neighbors and those providing care and solutions. Please click on the links below for important information regarding the latest on vaccines, boosters, testing, and other recommendations:

- **NEW:** COVID-19 Oral Antiviral Program / Test to Treat Survey
- **NEW:** Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Dose Authorized for Children ages 5 to 11
- **NEW:** The Implications of Long COVID for Rural Communities
- **RESOURCE:** RHC Vaccine Confidence News and Information - UPDATED
- **RESOURCE:** One Stop Online for COVID Prevention and Treatment in Every County
- **RESOURCE:** COVID-19 Impact on Emergency Preparedness for RHCs
- **UPDATE:** MDHHS Medicaid Policy Bulletins
- **UPDATE:** MDHHS L-Letters Guidance
- **ONGOING:** Understanding the Federal COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates: Practical Considerations for Covered Employers

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