

Advancing outpatient prevention: A new MetaStar project

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MetaStar is currently recruiting primary care physician practices for a new Medicare project that will use clinical data to identify barriers and gaps to providing necessary care and to identify and track interventions to improve patient outcome. The key methods of eliciting improvement are health information technology and care management processes.

The clinical topics covered by this project are (1) Breast cancer screening (mammography), (2) Colorectal cancer screening (Fecal Occult Blood Test [FOBT], flex sig, Barium enema, colonoscopy), (3) Influenza immunization, and (4) Pneumococcal immunization.

Eligible practices will have implemented a Certification Commission for Health Information Technology (CCHIT) certified electronic health record, be at least 40% primary care, and have basic

care management capabilities. Practices chosen will participate in data submission for the 4 topic areas and quality improvement interventions.

To assist practices, MetaStar will provide the following:

- Tailored quality improvement assistance
- Best practice sharing facilitation
- Quarterly data reports and analysis
- Electronic health record utilization assistance
- Patient-specific intervention assistance and resources
- Change package for each content area and appropriate resources
- Public relations support to highlight the practices' commitment to quality care
- Data submission assistance
- One-on-one assistance to practices in need
- National best practice sharing and problem solving
- National recognition for participation

Commitment from enrolled practices will include

- Signed participation agreement*
- Completed Care Processes assessment*
- Minimum of 2 hours of care

management and/or prevention education completed by each site (CME provided by MetaStar)

- Data submission for the 4 prevention topic areas for at least 75% of patient panel*
- Implementation of quality improvement interventions
- Identification of key contacts at each participating location*
- Support of process and program by leadership
- Best practice sharing with other participating practices

Practices also have the option to participate in the data submission component only. Items with an asterisk (*) listed above highlight the necessary tasks for such participation. No quality improvement assistance will be provided to these practices.

The number of practices with which MetaStar will work in this project is limited. For more information please contact Jesi Wang at 608.441.8269 or jwang@metastar.com.

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