MONTHLY UPDATE January, 2023

**Dear All,**

You all knew I was going to lead this month’s update with the first two items (smile)

1. **2023 Membership Dues**

Dues rate change:

Clinics with **annual budgets up to$150,000** have **NO** rate change - $100/year.

Clinics with annual budgets **above $150,000 have an increase of $50.00/year, making their dues $150.00/year.**

Stacey Doyle Board Member is heading up this year’s membership drive. If you have any questions regarding the application, dues or anything else contact her at [stacey@gcfmc.org](January,%202023%20.docx) you can pay your dues through PayPal on the website [www.fcomi.org](January,%202023%20.docx)

or mail a check to the address on the membership form. The membership application is attached.

1. **Quality Standards/Clinic Data Survey for 2023**

NAFC has sent out the clinic data/quality standards survey to all of the clinics. The survey is titled 2022 NAFC Member Data & Standards Report - Michigan. IF you have not received yours, contact Jeff Compagner [jcompagner@hfhclinic.org](mailto:jcompagner@hfhclinic.org) . He will get it to you. The survey is due Feb. 21 and is required for FCOM membership.

A couple of things

1. NAFC is allowing us to use their survey so they, you and we have the data. You will get a reply from NAFC regarding your scoring and seal if warranted just as in the past you did with us. **You do NOT have to join NAFC**. Survey completion is a requirement though for our membership….see #1.
2. If you are **having any difficulty** at all about completing the survey contact either

Nimesha at [liyanage.bn@gmail.com](January,%202023%20.docx) or Jeff Compagner. Both can help with Nimesha being able to help quite extensively.

1. **Annual Conference April 28, Friday 8:30 – 3:30**

Blue Cross Blue Shield Lyon Meadows Conference Center

53200 Grand River, Wixom, MI 48165

After much deliberation, we are returning to the BCBS Conference Center. They are able to accommodate us with very little for us to do but prepare for the conference. They are also donating the cost of the conference center.

More details in flyers and the next monthly update.

1. **Medicaid and CHIP Continuous Enrollment and Unwinding: What to know and How to Prepare**

*The Families First and COVID Response Act (FFCRA) expires March 31 this year.* That means *Medicaid will begin reviewing everyone who enrolled in Medicaid during COVID. They will either reinstate coverage or require the recipient to send in updated information to continue or terminate their coverage or terminate coverage.* Across the country about 15 million people will be affected and of those, between 700,000 – 900,000 in Michigan.

*This has the possibility of many more people coming to our clinics for health care.*

There is so much more to this and if you feel this will really affect your clinic:

You can go to the CMS website for past [cms.zoomgov.com/webinar](January,%202023%20.docx). All of the updates are recorded and are on the website.

For more detailed Federal information go to and [https://www.medicaid.gov/resources-for-states/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/unwinding-and-returning-regular-operations-after-covid-19/index.](January,%202023%20.docx) scroll down to “other guidance and resources” and then scroll down to “slide deck” for a short PowerPoint clear explanation and a tool kit of resources to help your clinic and your patients on Medicaid prepare for this. This is the nationwide perspective.

Michigan’s information is at [michigan.gov/mdhhs-phe-resources](January,%202023%20.docx) . I have attached a very brief overview from that site to more completely explain what is going to happen and the approximate timelines and what you and your patients can begin to prepare. Many organizations across Michigan including us are asking the state to provide timely webinar updates similar to the CMS. Stay tuned.

I will try to get someone to speak on this at the Annual conference.

1. **Legislative Issues**

* **House Bill 4346** – **Insulin Co-Pay Cap** \* This bill covers cost for everyone, not just Medicare enrollees. It has not yet had a committee hearing.
* **House bill 6112** – **Legislature to form a committee to review going from a federally based health insurance exchange to a state based insurance exchange** \*The argument is cost but many legislators are looking into this to look at coverage vulnerability. No movement
* **Senate Bill 1135** - adopted by the Senate Health Policy Committee with recommendation to the legislature to pass the bill. If passed, telehealth will continue to be covered by Medicaid and not discontinued once the COVID pandemic is declared passed.
* **HHS Public Hearing - Healthy Michigan extension to December 2028.**  HHS held a public hearing for comments regarding extending HM. We supported the extension. The comments from all over the state overwhelmingly also supported the extension.
* **Public Health Code 378-1976 Use of Donated Medications**  Christine Rainey sat in on the first meeting. A lot more to come.
* **Any bill regarding expanding broadband in any way.**  There have been hearings on this across the state with more to come. I don’t think the state had any idea of the actual number of areas that have just very poor service and how that lack relates to healthcare. I say that because poor service is not just in rural areas.

*If you see or hear of any legislation introduced in Michigan you feel impacts our patients or our clinics, let me know.*

1. **Region Meetings Calenda**r

NOTE Regions are meeting every other month now. Southwest and Southeast Region**s** **meet every other month on the second Tuesday. Southwest 10:30-11:30, Southeast 1-2pm.**

North and MideastRegions **meet every other month on the third Tuesday.**

**Mideast 10:30-11:30, North 1-2pm**

FEBRUARY regional meetings are: **February 14 SW at 10:30 SE at 1pm**

**February 21 ME at 10:30 N at 1pm**

**Midwest** Region meet about quarterly. If you are in the Midwest region, contact Jeff Compagner [jcompagner@hfhclinic.org](mailto:jcompagner@hfhclinic.org) he will gladly add you to their region list.

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