The following are updates from the PMO regarding COVID-19. Continue to reach out to the PMO and/or Practice Coaches if you need assistance in addressing COVID-19 and progressing in MDPCP care transformation.

PLEASE REACH OUT TO ALL OF YOUR PATIENTS!

**COVID-19 Updates & Resources**

**Larry A. Green COVID-19 Survey**

Click here to take the Quick COVID-19 Primary Care Survey, designed to better understand response and capacity of US primary care practices to COVID-19. Survey is available weekly, **Friday at 9AM EST** and closes each Monday at 11:59PM PST. Participation is voluntary, confidential, and weekly shared with federal and state policy makers. For questions, contact Rebecca Etz, PhD, Rebecca.etz@vcuhealth.org

**FAQs** *Updated 9/15/20*

**Immunizations in the Primary Care Setting**

The MDPCP encourages providers to prepare for flu season with flu vaccinations in the months of September and October. Flu vaccines are recommended for all >6 months old without contraindications, with an emphasis on high risk groups (CDC guidance). Additional guidance and more information to come on COVID-19 vaccinations.

Help your patients access care at home with the Caregiver Services Corps

The Caregiver Services Corps (CSC) will quickly deploy volunteers to the homes of older adults who need assistance with everyday tasks; addressing pressing, temporary needs. **To refer, call 800-337-8958.**

The CSC volunteers can...

- Assist the patient with the self-administration of medications
- Help with ambulation or transferring
- Assist with bathing and completing personal hygiene routines
- Deliver essential groceries
- Aid with telehealth appointments

More information available in the program overview and FAQs.

**Additional COVID-19 resources** located on our COVID-19 webpage**
MedStar HCV ECHO open to clinicians in Maryland and Washington DC
The MedStar Institute for Quality and Safety (MIQS) and MedStar Health Research Institute (MHRI) are actively recruiting primary care clinicians (MD, NP, PA, RN). The ECHO model uses technology to leverage medical expertise, reduce disparities in care by sharing knowledge, and build clinical communities through discussion of real patient cases identified by local clinicians. The goal of the program is to foster development of at least one hepatitis C (HCV) clinical expert in each primary care practice so that as often as possible, patients can be identified, tested and treated by providers they know and trust. The first MedStar HCV ECHO clinic will be held **Tuesday, September 29 from 12-1PM.** To register, please contact Melissa Eckroade, ECHO Program Coordinator, via email: MIQS-ProjectECHO@medstar.net

**MDPCP Updates & Resources**

**Diabetes Webinar Series *New**
The Center for Population Health Initiatives has launched a series of webinars this month, discussing different aspects of diabetes care, education, prevention, management, resources, etc. There are webinars directed specifically at Community Health Workers (**9/26** Help Your Clients Manage Their Diabetes), clinicians (**9/22** Maximizing Reimbursement), and patient/caregivers. More registration links and details [here](#).

**MDPCP Learning Session 4: Using Data to Drive Toward Outcomes *New**
Register for all sessions [here](#).
- **10/5 at 12PM** Opening Session
- **10/6 at 12PM** Comprehensive Medication Management
- **10/6 at 5PM** Collaborating with Specialists
- **10/7 at 5PM** Clinical Leadership Data Workshop
- **10/8 at 12PM** Social Determinants of Health

**Staff rosters no longer required**
"The practice staff roster function was removed from the MDPCP Portal. Practices are no longer required to provide names of individual staff members, or update their staff rosters or verify their accuracy on a quarterly basis. Instead, CMS has added a general question about staffing to the biannual Care Transformation Requirements reporting questions, which practices will see starting in Q3 2020 reporting. Similar requirements were also discontinued for CTOs, which formerly reported staff roster information through Connect."
MDPCP Updates & Resources continued

**Additional MDPCP resources and MDPCP education sessions** located on the MDPCP PMO webpage**

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**NOW IS THE TIME FOR PREVENTION!**

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It is EASY and FREE to work with Mosaic Group to implement SBIRT. Mosaic Group will:

- Meet with practices 2-3 times over 2 months to develop a protocol
- Train all staff in SBIRT with Motivational Interviewing
- Work with your EMR vendor to modify documentation and build reports
- Provide Referral Resources in your area

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**Upcoming Events**

- **Tuesday, September 15** (5-6:30 PM) Help for Clinicians Caring for Patients with Diabetes
  - Presenter: MAC
  - (304) 564-8478; PIN: 969 427 476#

- **Tuesday, September 15** (5-6:30 PM) Advisory Council Meeting
  - (304) 564-8478; PIN: 969 427 476#

- **Wednesday, September 16** (12:30-1PM)
  - Understanding and Leveraging the CRISP ENS PROMPT Tool

- **Wednesday, September 16** (5-6PM) COVID-19 Update
  - Guest: Sneha Jadhav, MD

- **Tuesday, September 22** (5-6:30 PM) Advisory Council Meeting
  - (304) 564-8478; PIN: 969 427 476#

- **Tuesday, September 22** (5-6PM) Maximizing Reimbursement for Managing Diabetes
  - Presenter: MAC

- **Wednesday, September 23** (5-6PM) COVID-19 Update

- **Thursday, September 24** (5-6PM) MDPCP CareFirst Alignment

- **Saturday, September 26** (10-11:30AM) CHW Series: Help Your Clients Manage their Diabetes: Lessons from the Field
  - Presenter: MAC

- **Tuesday, September 29** (5-6:30 PM) Advisory Council Meeting
  - (304) 564-8478; PIN: 969 427 476#

- **Wednesday, September 30** (5-6PM) COVID-19 Update
  - Guest: Anika Alvanzo, MD, MS, FACP, DFASAM