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Livanta to Perform Claim Reviews for CMS

Livanta LLC has been awarded the national claim review task order under the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) Beneficiary and Family Centered Care - Quality Improvement Organization (BFCC-QIO) program. Funded through the CMS Center for Clinical Standards & Quality (CCSQ), this 54-month task order supports CMS in its core functions of beneficiary oversight and protection of the Medicare Trust Fund.

The BFCC-QIO claim review task order serves to decrease CMS' paid claims error rate. Livanta will perform specific types of utilization reviews for proper payment of Medicare claims involving hospital inpatient admissions

of short duration and where hospitals re-submitted certain types of inpatient claims for a higher payment than what they had billed initially. As part of the review, Livanta will evaluate whether the services performed were medically necessary and at the appropriate level of care.

As part of its claim review activities, Livanta will provide education services to help hospitals improve their billing accuracy; analyze claims and other data to select samples for review; issue payment determination notices; notify companies that pay the claims for Medicare when hospitals need to refund payments or make other claim adjustments; and perform outreach functions with hospital

providers, beneficiaries, and other stakeholders to help safeguard the Medicare trust fund against fraud, waste, and abuse.

At this time, hospitals in our state must submit a memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to Livanta.

MOAs facilitate communication with the appropriate parties for the exchange of medical records and review findings. To complete your MOA, please visit the Livanta Claim Review website at: <https://livantaqio.com/en/ClaimReview/MOA/moa.html>

MHCC Health Center-Platte Valley Now Open

Memorial Hospital of Carbon County celebrated the completion of the latest addition in its line of Carbon County based healthcare facilities.

MHCC announced the expansion of services within the Platte Valley on June 18th, 2020 during a Facebook Live event. Local contractor, Shepard Construction, was selected as the General Contractor following the request for qualifications process. Design plans by MOA Architecture were presented to the MHCC Board

of Trustees and approved on July 23rd, 2020. The \$3.3 million required for the project was appropriated entirely through the hospital's operating budget without the use of loans or government funding.

Current and future healthcare needs for the Platte Valley were considered during the design phase, resulting in a 5,842 square foot, L-shaped modern design. Five exam rooms and one medical procedure room make up the Clinical Suite. The Diagnostic Suite

houses the laboratory, blood draw area and X-Ray. A dedicated Physical Therapy Suite offers exam rooms and gym/exercise area. The large, centrally located waiting room and reception area provide comfort, convenience and efficiency to patients as they enter the building. A Conference Room creates the opportunity for community meeting space, patient education forums, and more.



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Platte Valley



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Cognitive Impairment: Medicare Provides Opportunities to Detect & Diagnose

According to the Alzheimer's Association 2021 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures, in 2021, more than 1 in 9 people (11.3%) aged 65 years and older has Alzheimer's dementia, costing the nation \$355 Billion and killing more people than breast cancer and prostate cancer combined. In light of this, please use the appropriate use of CPT code 99483 Cognitive Assessment and Care Plan Services, Medicare-covered services to detect and diagnose cognitive impairment.

Medicare covers a separate visit for a cognitive assessment to allow clinicians to more thoroughly evaluate cognitive function and help with care planning for patients with cognitive impairment.

Effective January 1, 2021, CMS:

1. Increased payment for these Medicare services to \$282 (may be geographically adjusted) when provided in an office setting,
2. Added these services to the definition of primary care services in the Medicare Shared Savings Program, and
3. Permanently covers these services via telehealth.

Clinicians who report evaluation and management (E/M) services, including: physicians (MD and DO), nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and physician assistants, can offer and bill Medicare for this service; and the assessment can be provided in a number of locations such as in the home, an office or outpatient setting, care facility, or via telehealth.

**WHA Golf Tournament—September, 7
Paradise Valley Golf Club, Casper**

**WHA Annual Meeting—September 8-9
Clarion Inn, Casper, Wyoming**



JCHC Names Senden CEO

The Johnson Healthcare Center is pleased to announce that its newest CEO is Luke Senden,

whose first day was July 5, 2021.

"We are excited to have Luke join our team," said interim CEO Laurie Hansen. "He has a long list of successes in his time in healthcare, and his strong financial background will be an asset as we consider a building project and implementation of a new or expanded electronic health record."

Luke earned a bachelor's of science in accounting from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, and a master's in business administration from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona.

Luke has spent the past three years serving as the CFO at Box Butte General Hospital in Alliance, Nebraska. During his time at Box Butte, the net operating revenue grew nearly 17 percent. Prior to his time in Nebraska, Luke was the CFO for Greeley County Health Services, where he provided financial leadership to a critical access hospital, two rural health clinics and two long-term care facilities. He also served in the Wyoming Army National Guard from January 2009 to January 2015 and was deployed under Operation Enduring Freedom.

"I believe healthcare is one of the greatest teamwork industries that exist in the world," Luke said. "Every role is essential in creating an excellent patient experience. I have a passion and desire to lead an organization that strives to serve the

communities healthcare needs."

In every role he's had since entering the healthcare field, Luke said, he's been able to help the organization find new levels of success.

"I believe that the skills and ability to help Johnson County Healthcare Center navigate the challenges facing rural healthcare both now and into the future – ensuring the organization has the foundation to continue its mission for generations to come," Luke said.

Luke said he was drawn to the position in Buffalo because he loved growing up in a small town, and it's always been a desire of his to raise his family in that environment. Luke moved to Buffalo with his wife and young daughter.

