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CCPN Starts New Year with New Initiatives

From Allen Dobson, MD, Chairman

CCPN has gotten off to a great start in 2018. There are many exciting things under way, and I want to highlight two of them.



First, after months of planning, CCPN's Medicare Advantage pilot program with Aetna Healthcare has begun. Nine CCPN practices are working to improve the quality of care delivered to Medicare Advantage recipients while CCPN is developing innovative ways to collect, disseminate, and act upon quality data. You can read more about this collaboration on page 4.

I am also happy to announce that Dr. Art Jones, MD, Founding Physician and CEO of Lawndale Christian Health Center will be the keynote speaker at the CCPN Clinician Conference in April.

Dr. Jones helped establish Lawndale as a model managed care organization in the forefront of delivering Medicaid services under a near global capitation payment system. Dr. Jones is now consulting with Health Management Associates, a national consulting firm specializing in government funded programs. HMA and CCNC recently announced a partnership to work together on some targeted projects and initiatives. He will be speaking to us on value-based care.

If you have not registered for the CCPN 2nd Annual Clinician Conference taking place April 29-30 in Greensboro please do so at the link below. I look forward to seeing you there!

Clinician Conference Registration Now Open

Clinician registration for the 2nd Annual CCPN Clinician Conference is open.

While space allows, for practices that have at least one clinician registered, a practice manager from that practice may also register.

In order to allow clinicians and practice managers from across the state the op-



portunity to attend we are asking that no more than one staff member per practice attend with that practice's clinicians.

If you have any questions please contact Jessica Whelan at jwhelan@ncaccesscare.org or 919-516-8121. [Register now!](#)

Board of Managers Update

The CCPN Board of Managers met January 25 for a face-to-face meeting.

The Board discussed strategies for developing new partnerships and collaborations and received a contracting update.

Board members also discussed the upcoming Clinicians Conference agenda and registration logistics. Looking ahead, there will be a Board retreat in the coming weeks, and the next Board of Managers meeting date will be February 15.

Board of Managers Spotlight: Dr. Beverly Edwards



I was born and raised in Raleigh. My parents, Joseph and Emma Edwards, encouraged scholastic and cultural advancement. And with some diversions, I fulfilled my dream of attending medical school at the Brody School of Medicine in 1988. I did my residency in Pediatrics at Medical College of Virginia in Richmond finishing in 1991. I have been in practice in Ahoskie as owner and lead physician at Ahoskie Pediatrics ever since.

Based on personal experience when I applied for Medicaid for myself and my nine year old son as a medi-

cal student (and was denied because I left a full-time job to go to medical school) I learned not to judge who needs what or who pays for someone's medical care. It also became my personal goal to see all people covered with medical insurance without prejudice.

I am proud to serve our Medicaid and private pay mix of patients. In the present climate of change I believe the biggest challenges will be in how patients are medically covered insurance-wise and how physicians will be paid. My practice has faced financial hardships in the past and came close to closing. I found my footing after receiving support from various sources including the NC Pediatric Council (Drs. Graham Barden and Christoph Diasio), the NC Pediatric Society, Community Care of North Carolina, AccessEast and CCPN.

The people of Ahoskie have made me feel very welcome over the last 27 years. In return I want to be the best advocate I can be for the children and families I serve in our four county area (Hertford, Bertie, Northampton and Gates) in rural eastern NC. My goal is to learn how to navigate this new medical/financial pathway with the people who have been the leaders of this effort. I hope that our four county rural area will flourish in terms of providing quality medical care in a patient centered medical home. I want to see NC back at the top again in terms of how we take care of each other.

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Practice Transformation Coaches Provide Assistance with the Quality Payment Program

One of the key roles of Practice Transformation Coaches is to provide technical assistance and resources to providers regarding the Quality Payment Program. Many of the resources available are listed below.

Enrolling as a PTN practice allows you to receive free technical assistance from your PTN coach which includes helping you understand the changes, requirements and looking at the options that may be best for your practice. We are on site to help you!

It is not too late to Participate! to Catherine Battle (cbattle@n3cn.org).

Quality Payment Program Resources

In 2017, most health care providers migrated to the value-based payment options available through the Quality Payment Program (QPP). Below are available resources below for guidance that will help you to make the best choices for your practice. All links are accessible through <https://qpp.cms.gov/>.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality Payment Program Listserv • Downloadable Fact Sheets • Downloadable Measure Specifications Packages • Downloadable Quality Benchmarks and Measure Encounter Codes • Slide Decks • APMs in the Quality Payment Program for Shared Savings Program (SSP) • Medicaid in the Quality Payment Program • APMs in the Quality Payment Program • Self-Paced Micro Videos 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merit-Based Incentive Payment Program (MIPS) Overview • MIPS Performance Categories: Advancing Care Information & Improvement Activities • MIPS Overview: Understanding Quality and Cost • Getting Started with the Quality Payment Program: An Overview of MIPS for Small, Rural, and Underserved Practices • Medicare Quality Programs: Transitioning From the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) to MIPS • Application Programming Interface (API) Developer Page
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Aetna Agreement Announced

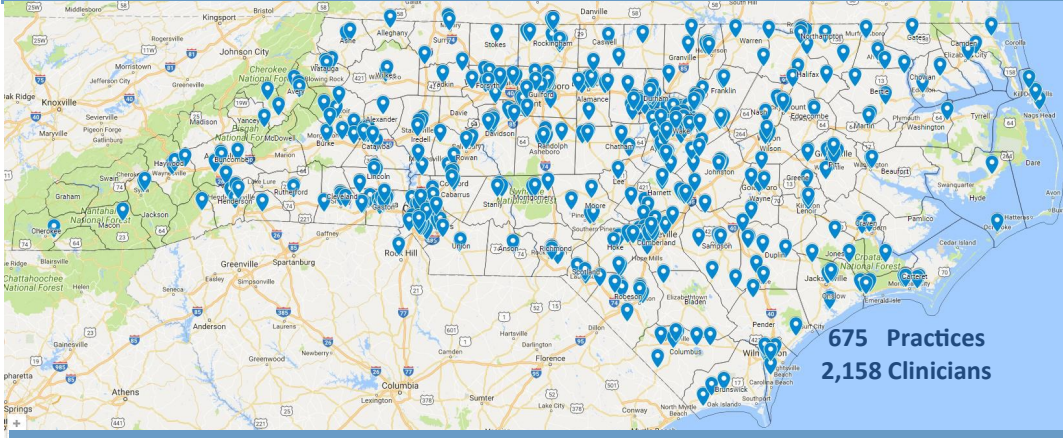
On January 10, 2018, Aetna and Community Care of North Carolina, Inc. (CCNC) announced a new agreement to combine Aetna's expertise in Medicaid managed health care services with CCNC's medical home and care management services, Community Care Physician Network, LLC (CCPN), and Community Pharmacy Enhanced Services Network (CPESN) USA ([Link to announcement](#)).

In this value-based agreement, CCNC will perform care management and coordination services and CCPN member physicians will be "in-network" for Aetna's Medicaid members and eligible to treat all these patients.

So that your current and future patients can stay connected to your practice, it's important that the information in Aetna's network directory is complete and accurate. To make sure this is the case, an Aetna representative will be contacting your practice to collect your contact information.

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CCPN: Spanning North Carolina



Welcome New Practices

Alliance Medical Associates
Carter Clinic, PA
Southlight Healthcare
St. Mary's Medical Clinic
Surya K. Challa, MD

[Click for a full list of
CCPN practices](#)

CCPN Launches First Medicare Advantage Pilot

CCPN's first Medicare Advantage program began in January with the nine pilot practices that will participate in the first year.

These practices are Clinton Medical Clinic, Moore Family Medicine, Lillington Family Medical Center, Stat Care Urgent and Primary Care, Fayetteville Internal Medicine, Cumberland Internal Medicine, Village Family Care Center, Southern Regional AHEC, and Naveed Aziz, MD.

These practices will be working to positively impact the quality of care that their patients receive as measured by the Aetna Medicare Advantage quality metrics.

Additional value-based payments to the practices are available based on how the practices perform on these metrics.

After learning more about what works and getting the quality reporting infra-

structure in place, CCPN plans to expand the number of pilot practices participating in this program in year two. Look for additional updates coming soon.

Who is CCNC and what do we do? Watch this [very short video](#) to find out.

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CCNC and CCPN urge you to promptly respond to Aetna's request so the network directory works for both you and your patients. You will have the option of either a standard fill-in form or submission by electronic spreadsheet (e.g., Excel.).

Thanks in advance for your cooperation!

Tell Us What's Changed

Have clinicians joined or left your group?

Have you recently changed addresses, phone numbers, or tax identification numbers?

Please let us know!

Getting Involved

Want to know more about CCPN committees and how you can get involved with CCPN?

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