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Oregon Reproductive Health Program
Update Newsletter

Important Information—please read and share

Supply Purchasing News

The non-340 B price of the Mirena IUS will increase from $703 to $772 on November 19th. Bayer is allowing purchase at the current rate until November 15th in allotments based on average order quantity from the previous 12 weeks. The 340 B price of Mirena will remain the same through the end of the year, but may increase in the first quarter of 2014.

2013 Reproductive Health Coordinators' Meeting a Success!

The two-day annual statewide Reproductive Health Coordinators’ Meeting was held in Portland at the Red Lion Convention Center on October 29th and 30th. For the first time, RH Coordinators were able to bring another staff member from their agency. Session topics included partnering with CCOs, ACA implementation, insurance contracting and billing, medical adherence, and health literacy. The meeting provided wonderful opportunities for lively discussion, intense learning, and valuable networking! Thank you to everyone who participated in the meeting; it was truly a success. And congratulations to Jeanne Antonucci, Reproductive Health Coordinator at Marion County, this year’s recipient of the Reproductive Health Coordinator of the Year Award!

New Generic Oral Contraceptive Pill - Aubra

Afyxis Pharmaceuticals has announced FDA approval for production of another generic oral contraceptive pill: Aubra. Aubra is the third oral contraceptive pill produced by Afyxis (Chateal and Lyza are already under production) and is expected to reach the market by the end of this calendar year. Afyxis Pharmaceuticals is a not for profit, socially driven company whose goal is to improve patients’ access to quality, affordable contraceptive options. The company expects to also release a low cost emergency contraception pill late this year as well. See the attached Afyxis announcement.
Farewell from Pi Winslow – Provider Liaison

Pi Winslow’s last day with the RH program will be Thursday, November 14th. She accepted a part-time position as the WIC Program Vendor Trainer within the Public Health Division. The RH team will continue to provide technical assistance to providers, so please call the main office line at 971-673-0355 for assistance as needed.

Pi is honored to have worked these last five years with all the incredibly passionate people who help provide family planning services to Oregonians.

She sends warm regards and best wishes to all of you!

A $10 e-Gift Card for Your Submissions

Please consider submitting one or more of the following items for inclusion in the state RH communications platforms:

- Local RH-related news, events, stories, links for the CCare Facebook page
- Quality improvement (QI) stories that include small discreet projects or larger program or agency initiatives for the RH Program QI website
- A story, idea, question, resource or need for the RH Update Newsletter Provider Corner.

We’re offering a $10 e-gift card to Powell’s Books for each submission. These gift cards can be redeemed on line or in person. Send your stories to Lesli Leone Uebel at lesli.l.uebel@state.or.us. Thank you!
NACCHO Webinar November 18th “Becoming an In-Network Provider: The Health Department Perspective”

This important upcoming training may be useful for agencies looking to expand billing capacity.

NACCHO will be hosting a webinar titled “Becoming an In-Network Provider: The Health Department Perspective” on Monday, November 18th from 12:00-1:00 PM. Speakers from Mississippi, New York, and North Dakota will share their contracting experiences.

Attendees will learn contracting processes for health departments; strategies to address barriers when contracting with third-party payers; and what resources are available in NACCHO’s Billing for Clinical Services Toolkit. For more information including how to register, click here.

Upcoming Implant Training December 11th

Merck is hosting an upcoming training on implant insertion and removal for clinicians who have not already been trained. The training will be held Wednesday, December 11th at 6:00PM in Roseburg. Please see the attached flyer for the registration form and exact location.

Free Contraception Provision: An Evidence-Based Approach

To better meet the reproductive health needs of your clients, participate in the free webinar Contraception Provision: An Evidence-Based Approach on Tuesday, November 12 from 9:00 - 10:00 AM. For more information and registration for this Federal Training Center Collaborative and CDC sponsored training, click here.
Sexual Health Rankings Webinar

Don't miss an opportunity to learn about how we measure sexual health. The World Health Organization has a definition of sexual health that emphasizes wellness, accounts for the determinants of health, and encompasses human rights, sexual expression and identity, and sexual pleasure.

Join the National Coalition of STD Directors for a webinar, titled “How Can We Measure Sexual Health? A Perspective from the Sexual Health Rankings Project” on Thursday, November 21st at 10:00 AM. For more information including how to register, click here.

Request for Proposals for 2014 Meaningful Care Conference Due Dec. 2nd

Proposals for workshop sessions are now being accepted for the 2014 Meaningful Care Conference to be held Friday March 28, 2014 at the Lloyd Doubletree Hotel in Portland, OR. The Meaningful Care Conference is designed to build skills (CMEs and CEUs are awarded) among providers throughout our region to better serve the needs of our LGBTQ community. The 2012 conference was attended by over 400 providers. Consider submitting your proposal for the conference planning committee’s review. This is your opportunity to offer your knowledge to contribute to Oregon’s Triple Aim: improved health, increased access, and reduced costs. The RFP and more info can be found here. Proposals are due electronically by 12/2--completed applications or questions can be sent to Angie Carter, our Education Committee chair--dr.angela@sacredvesselmedicine.com.

LARC Coding Guide

Billing private insurance can be quite a challenge, especially when encountering difficulties performing clinical services. Please see the attached coding guide from the American Medical Association on coding for LARCs. It includes very helpful guidance on how to code for extended counseling, difficult insertions, and combined insertion and removal visits.
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