

Quick Facts

About

Clinical Integration

WHAT Clinical Integration IS.

- A descriptive term for primary care physicians, specialists and hospitals working together to care for patients
- A physician-led program
- A system to measurably improve care
- A way to demonstrate the value of our network (MGO physicians and Ohio Health hospitals) to the purchasers of health care

WHY are we becoming Clinically Integrated?

- Purchasers of health care (employers, government, patients, and health plans) are demanding value for their health care dollar; they define value as decreasing the underuse, overuse, and misuse of health services
- Failure to provide and demonstrate value may lead to even further decreases in reimbursement in the future
- The most viable strategy for improving physician reimbursement is through clinical integration

WHO can become part of the Clinically Integrated Network?

- ALL MGO physicians, whether in an independent practice, a hospital owned practice, or in a multi-specialty medical group

HOW will we become Clinically Integrated?

- By adopting evidence-based clinical guidelines approved by MGO physicians
- By monitoring compliance with these guidelines via data collection and analysis
- By assisting physicians and patients in improving results
- By improving record keeping and communication between physicians
- By establishing structures and processes to exchange clinical information and improve patient care
- By compiling performance data that proves our value when it is presented to the purchasers of health care

WHEN will we become Clinically Integrated?

- MGO physicians have finalized the first set of clinical guidelines and are working on more
- Claims data on Ohio Health employees is already being collected and utilized for a pay for quality program
- Performance bonuses based on 2008 results were paid out in first quarter 2009
- MGO physicians helped dramatically improve the compliance rates for receiving timely preventive services for the OhioHealth insured associates and family members
- OHG and Aetna are implementing a pay for quality program this year based on OUR criteria; more physicians will be eligible for bonuses under this program
- OHG plans to negotiate its first contract as a clinically integrated organization in 2010

WHAT Clinical Integration is NOT.

- “Cook book medicine”
- Complying with payers’ quality criteria and pay for performance programs; OHG sets the standards.
- A loss of physician autonomy; guidelines are recommendations and OHG does not expect 100% compliance