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Events

December

December 10,
10-11:30 a.m.
Webinar introducing
an Alliance for
Powerful Change,
providing a learning
session for discussion
about the national
and state-level
quality improvement
efforts for the next
five years. For more
information, contact
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January

January 15,
8 to Noon
Mississippi State
Medical Association

January 22 Learning & Action Network (LAN) Meeting on All Projects

A Jan. 22 Learning & Action Network (LAN) meeting will focus on all quality improvement tasks. IQH task leaders are seeking continued participation from the healthcare community in Learning & Action Networks (LANs) that offer a forum for sharing useful information and resources.

Keynote speakers for the 8 a.m. to 11:30 meeting at the Jackson Medical Mall include:

Dr. Rathel L. (Skip) Nolan, UMMC School of Medicine professor, presenting on CRE-Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae, a pathogen now being seen in various healthcare settings; and **Carol Scott**, field operation manager for the National Nursing Home Campaign to Advancing Excellence, discussing how tools and resources of Advancing Excellence can impact improving patient outcomes across all healthcare settings.

IQH's efforts with seven quality improvement tasks that target better patient care, better population health, and lower costs will be highlighted. The tasks represent the commitment of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to driving rapid, large-scale change for Medicare patients. The individual provider and partner participation in multiple quality improvement initiatives offers opportunities for optimizing the health care delivered and having positive impact on beneficiaries. The initiatives include: Cardiac Health and Reducing Cardiac Healthcare Disparities; Disparities in Diabetes Care; Prevention

Alliance (MSMAA)
10th Annual Capital
Screening
Initiative (CSI),
State Capitol

January 22,
8-11:30 a.m.
IQH Learning &
Action Network
Meeting,
Jackson Medical
Mall

February

February 21:
Super Conference
2015
The Diabetes
Foundation
of Mississippi's
"Stand
Up to Diabetes"
Registration through
February 16
Call 1-877-DFM-
CURE (336-2872) or
601-957-7878;
www.msdiabetes.org.

Coordination through Meaningful Use of HIT; Healthcare-Associated Infections in Hospitals; Healthcare-Acquired Conditions in Nursing Homes; Coordination of Care for Patients; Value-Based Payment Program, Quality Improvement, and Physician Feedback Program.

Making care safer and promoting effective communication and coordination of care are keys to the program efforts, with emphasis also placed on promoting prevention and best practices for healthy living.

Quality directors are Trannie Murphy and Debbie Miller. Task leaders are Dale Bridges, Lisa Camel, Stephanie Champion, Mary Helen Conner, Ramona Drake, Mae McDaniel, Vickie Taylor, Brenda Townsend, and Willie Ann Thomas. Call 601-957-1575 ext. 249, for more information.

IQH to Participate in Capitol Day 2015

The annual Capitol Day when healthcare providers and organizations fill the State Capitol Rotunda offering screenings and vital information has been set for Jan. 15 from 8 to noon. The Mississippi State Medical Association Alliance is sponsoring the 10th Annual Capital Screening Initiative, and Information & Quality Healthcare (IQH) task leaders will be on hand to showcase the latest plans on quality improvement efforts. Facts will be shared about the diabetes self-management task, the Million Hearts initiative, hospital-acquired infections, acute care readmissions, adverse drug events and quality improvement work underway in nursing homes and home health agencies.

The atom Alliance

IQH is a part of the atom Alliance, which is composed of three healthcare quality improvement consultant organizations that have joined forces to work in a Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) contract from CMS. States include Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Indiana.

Networking to Assist Caregivers



Representatives from several organizations met at IQH to discuss mutual goals for improving quality of care for beneficiaries and caregivers. Networking to explore ways to share community resources were, seated from left, Ashley Parker, geriatric social worker; Shirley Rainey, MDHS-Division of Aging & Adult Services; Ivory Craig, AARP; Sara Murphy, Alzheimer's Association Mississippi Chapter; Sue Ann Meng, UMC Mind Center; standing from left, Sarah Miller, Brenda Townsend, Stephanie Champion, Mae McDaniel and Mary Helen Conner of Information & Quality Healthcare. The group is cooperating in efforts to raise awareness and share information about access to the various community resources.

January 1, 2015: Excellent Date to Target Tobacco Use

As the new year approaches, many people are having serious thoughts about taking advantage of the Mississippi Tobacco Quitline to stop smoking. Smokers are encouraged to select New Year's Day 2015 as their date to make a plan to quit or to plan in advance to quit smoking that day. Making a resolution to quit using tobacco can represent a vital step toward healthier lives and a step that can lead to reducing cancer risk.

Mississippi Tobacco Quitline's trained tobacco specialists are available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Quitline will be closed Christmas Day, but messages are returned the next business day. Quitline staff will be available on New Year's Day to help get cessation plans started.

Funded by the Mississippi State Department of Health Office of Tobacco Control, the Quitline for 15 years has targeted the use of tobacco and its negative effects on the health of Mississippians. More than 140,000 tobacco users have been assisted through the program, which has success rates among the highest in the country. Tobacco use remains the single largest preventable cause of disease and premature death. Almost one in every five adults or some

42 million Americans still smoke cigarettes.

Healthcare providers can offer effective cessation treatments for patients through special services offered by the Tobacco Quitline. Options and online counseling are also available at www.quitlinems.com.

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