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A Message from Leadership:


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We hope you are well, enjoying the warm weather and planning some vacation time. Most likely, you are seeing most of your patients in person and your practice operations are close to pre-pandemic activity.

JeffCare Board Leadership Changes:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Board Chair Dr. Marc Schwartz for his multiple years of service as JeffCare Board Chair as well as Board member. Dr. Schwartz joined the JeffCare Board in 1996 and chaired the Board from 2000-2001, as well as 2010-2021. Under Dr. Schwartz' leadership, JeffCare grew from a primarily fee-for-service based contracting entity to include a Clinically Integrated Network, embarking on value-based contracts with both our employed providers as well as independently practicing community based colleagues.

We would like to welcome Dr. Jonathan Gleason as our new Board Chair. Dr. Gleason serves as Executive Vice President, Chief Clinical Officer, and James D. and Mary Jo Danella Chief Quality Officer for Jefferson Health. Reporting to the president of Jefferson Health, Dr. Gleason is the inaugural chief quality executive of the 14-hospital system, with responsibilities for quality, patient safety, value-based care, patient experience, clinical risk management, clinical management of the pandemic response, and population health management. Dr. Gleason has a particular interest in equity and inclusion for people with disabilities and his landmark publication in the New England Journal of Medicine Catalyst about the impact of COVID-19 on individuals with intellectual disabilities resulted in global changes to vaccine prioritization. Dr. Gleason completed his education and training at the University of Georgia, the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Dr. Gleason is boarded in obstetrics and gynecology, and female pelvic medicine and reconstructive surgery.

Please join us as we welcome Dr. Gleason to our Board.

Update from Jefferson Leadership:

Jefferson-Einstein Merger:

As many of you know, the Federal Trade Commission has decided not to take further action to block the proposed merger between Jefferson and Einstein Health to become one health system.

In the words of Jefferson Health CEO Dr. Stephen Klasko:

“The pandemic has proven how crucial both Jefferson and Einstein are to ensuring equitable care in the community. This merger will be a major step forward to achieving our long-term mission to “improve lives” and reimagine

health care, education and discovery to create unparalleled value... We will apply the lessons learned from our ongoing integration efforts and adapt our strategy to meet the unique needs of this partnership – identifying synergies and opportunities to strengthen or complement areas of care to ensure we can provide the greatest value to our patients and students.”

We expect the merger to close in October.

Practice Roster Update:

It is important that you keep us apprised of any practice changes including provider roster or location changes. We update the plans on a monthly basis. Please notify us of any changes by emailing: JeffcareIndependents@jefferson.edu

In the next few weeks, you should receive the current JeffCare Plan Participation Form. This form includes all the payers and contracts you can participate with through your JeffCare membership. Please review the list and indicate the contracts

that your practice would like to participate in by placing your initials next to the specific plan. It is important to note that all providers in a group must participate in the same plans. Please return the form to: JeffcareIndependents@jefferson.edu.

As plan updates become available, including new opportunities for participation, we will send you updates.

[Please Click Here for the Payer Enrollment Request Form](#)

DVACO - eACO and Employee Benefits Network

We appreciate your participation in our employee benefits program designed to offer value-based care to the employees and dependents of Jefferson Health. As a JeffCare member, your practice continues to be part of our physician network as a Maximum Savings Provider for 2021. The three health system provider organizations that currently participate with our employee benefits program include providers from Jefferson Health, Main Line Health Physician Partners and Doylestown Health Partners. Employees and their dependents are encouraged to use these providers and services through significantly reduced copays and deductibles when they choose to see providers in our network.

Please note that your payment is not impacted by collecting a lower copay at the time of service in your office. In fact, Aetna will provide a higher reimbursement directly to offset any reduced copayments based on your existing agreement with

these payers. Should you have any questions about this program, please do not hesitate to contact Joel Port at portj@dvaco.org or 610-225-6253, Frank Cummings at Frank.Cummings@jefferson.edu or your payer provider representative.

Please remember to keep your credentialing information updated in CAQH, to ensure you are paid appropriately as a Maximum Savings Provider.

Referring to other Maximum Savings Providers (i.e. Jefferson and Main Line Health affiliated providers) may save significant out-of-pocket expenses in the form of lower deductibles and copays for employees and their dependents.

Epic changes with EPIC implemented at Jefferson Health in the Northeast and Jefferson Health in Lansdale and Abington

As you may be aware, our Jefferson Health divisions in the North have implemented EPIC. So that you are able to continue to monitor your patients, we welcome you to sign up for our Jefferson Health Care Link program. The Care Link platform will provide you with:

- Access to the patient chart including discharge, operative and progress notes, consult reports, labs, imaging reports, medications, problem lists, and much more.
- Ability to place specialist consult orders for current patients who have been seen at any Jefferson specialty/facility at any time, as long as you are a designated as Jefferson medical staff or a member of JeffCare.
- Notification by email of your patients' admissions and discharges.

It is easy to enroll in Jefferson Health Care Link. Please complete a hard copy of the Site Agreement which must be signed by an authorized site administrator and send it to Jessica Breslin at Jessica.Breslin@jefferson.edu. You will receive confirmation from the JeffCare Team within 3-5 business days once your document has been processed.

For more information and to download the agreement, visit: <https://hospitals.jefferson.edu/about-us/health-care-link.html>

For a direct link to download the Site Agreement, please use this link:

<https://hospitals.jefferson.edu/content/dam/health/PDFs/general/about-us/JeffCareLink-Access-Agreement.pdf>

Primary Care First:

A number of Jefferson primary care practices have been selected to participate in the CMS demonstration program Primary Care First (PCF). This voluntary program builds on the underlying principles of the Comprehensive Primary Care Plus (CPC+) program. The overall goals of the program are to

reduce Medicare spending by preventing avoidable hospital admissions and improve quality and access to care. Our first cohort of PCF, 20 Jefferson practices, began January 2021 and we have applied for a second cohort of practices to participate beginning in January 2022.

Jefferson Health Community Resource:

We wanted to again highlight [Jefferson Health Community Resource](#), a searchable tool, offered through our partnership with Aunt Bertha. This program is an online database that connects patients and caregivers with local community resources as well as resources throughout the region and beyond. Individuals are able to look for free or reduced cost

services by topic and zip code. As a member of JeffCare, this tool is available for your practice, staff, patients, as well as community members to use, without a fee. If you have any questions or would like additional information about this resource, please contact Amy Matchette at Amy.Matchette@jefferson.edu.

New JeffCare Member Website:

We have developed a separate web page with information and resources for our current JeffCare members – please visit us at: <https://www.JeffersonHealth.org/JeffCareMember>

As always, we value your JeffCare membership and want to continue to support our members as we navigate these uncertain times. We strive for JeffCare to be a high performance network, one that delivers coordinated, effective, equitable and efficient patient centered care.

If there is something you need to assist your practice to meet this goal, please let us know.