Note from the President

Welcome to UNC Health Alliance! Along with 3000+ of your colleagues, you are now part of a physician-led organization dedicated to improving the health of North Carolina’s citizens, transforming the patient and provider experience, and delivering a value focused network to payers and employers across the state.

We have a lot of exciting work underway. Our Board of Managers recently completed its seventh meeting and is finalizing our strategic plan for 2016. Our core committees are hard at work developing exciting initiatives that will drive our success. More than 50 highly engaged clinicians, including both those in community practice and those affiliated with UNC Health Care, are leading these efforts. Our network grows each day, as do opportunities to work with payers and employers who recognize the tremendous value of an integrated network that provides high quality, cost effective, and patient centered care.

We will be in regular communication with you over the next several months as these efforts take shape. You will receive a request to complete a practice intake form within the next 1-2 weeks. Please return this by April 15th – we need your information to finalize network plans and contracts for the upcoming year, and to create a directory to introduce your practice to your UNC Health Alliance colleagues.

Please reach out to me directly with any questions or if you are interested in taking a more active role with one of our committees.

We sincerely appreciate your participation, and look forward to an exciting year working together.

Sincerely,
Seth Glickman, MD
President, UNC Health Alliance

For more information, please visit our website: www.unchealthalliance.org
Network Development Update

Our network continues to grow. Almost 800 community providers throughout North Carolina have joined UNC Health Alliance. If you would like to refer a colleague or practice, please contact Andrew Cocowitch (Andrew.Cocowitch@unchealth.unc.edu) to discuss our evaluation process. Our deadline to add practices for Phase 1 of our development is March 31st, 2016.

Contracting Update

The Health Alliance’s first agreement is with UNC’s Affiliate Employee Health Plan, which consists of 22,000 UNC Health Care employees and dependents who work at our affiliate hospitals and entities (e.g. Rex, Nash, Johnston Health, UNCPN, etc.). As a participant in UNC Health Alliance, you are now a domestic tier (Tier 1) provider. Please let your office know that our members will pay a reduced copay when receiving care at your practice (as indicated on their cards). The quality incentive program for this contract will begin later in 2016.

In addition, most UNC Health Alliance providers are now eligible to participate in the BCBSNC Blue Value provider network. Lastly, our payer contracting committee is evaluating several new contracting opportunities and value incentives with payers for both 2016 and 2017 – we will keep you updated.

Learning and Education

UNC Health Alliance is building a comprehensive learning program to support its 3000+ providers in meeting our population health goals. The program will leverage existing resources and expertise at UNC Health Care and provide you with the most up-to-date evidence on medical and pharmaceutical management for common medical conditions. Our first learning session, high risk medications in the elderly, will be available through a live, 30 minute webinar and by archive in April – details and a 2016 event calendar to follow. CME credit is available.

UNCHA Sponsorship Event

UNC Health Alliance is co-sponsoring the upcoming Integrated Healthcare Symposium on March 29th from 5:00-9:00 PM in Chapel Hill, NC. This program will educate attendees about local examples of Integrated Health and how the delivery of bidirectional integration between primary care and behavioral health care settings can improve outcomes for patients. This is a core focus of our practice transformation committee. We encourage everyone to attend. For more information, please visit www.charlotteahec.org/.

Management Spotlight

Stacy Mays has joined UNC Health Alliance as our Chief Operating Officer. Stacy is an experienced health care executive with an outstanding track record of developing and managing both payer and provider organizations and delivering positive clinical and financial results. She brings tremendous knowledge and energy to our organization and has already had a significant impact. She looks forward to working closely with our Board, providers, and executive leaders to ensure UNC Health Alliance’s success.

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