



Newsletter

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QHP Website: About QHP

- What is a Clinically Integrated PHO?: [About QHP \(qhpsi.net\)](http://qhpsi.net)
- Benefits and Key Elements of QHP—Quality Improvement, Contract Negotiation, Incentive Opportunity

Tip of the Month

- ◆ February's focus is Lipid Screening
- ◆ QHP has focused measures on LDL screening for Diabetic and IVD pats
- ◆ To satisfy quality measures for LDL please order a lipid panel with a reflex to LDL-direct which will yield results even if the triglycerides are greater than 400 and the LDL cannot be calculated.

Direct to Employer Update— QHP Group Health Insurance Option

- ◆ Our **Direct to Employer** insurance product now has a webpage! [Direct to Employer Group Health Insurance | Southern Illinois Healthcare \(sih.net\)](http://Direct to Employer Group Health Insurance | Southern Illinois Healthcare (sih.net)). The site lists all providers who participate in Tier 1 for this health insurance option and includes a service area map.
- ◆ If a patient contacts your office asking if your providers are in the **QHP network**, your staff can let them know the answer is yes, and that your providers are in Tier 1. Being a Tier 1 provider means patients will have a lower out of pocket cost when they visit your locations.
- ◆ Please feel free to reach out to the QHP team if you or your staff have any questions about this product.



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Measures: Changes for our 2024 program

Demotions:

Diabetes – Demote Inverse (Poor Control) A1c measure to non-bonus, while keeping A1c test complete measure and A1c well-controlled measure

Hospitalist and Anesthesia – Demote 4 measures as we don't have these specialties currently

- Anesthesia Ready
- Peri-operative temperature management
- Heart Failure Core Measures
- H&P within 24 hours

Registry Usage – Demote to non-bonus
We realize Quality/office staff are working these Gaps within Clinigence, which is not accurately reflected when we measure by provider login.

Additions:

Well Baby/Well Child – Add 3 new bonus measures for Peds and FM

- Well Baby Visit 0-15 months
- Well Baby Visit 15-30 months
- Well Child Visit 3-21 years

Depression Screening – Add 2 new measures for PCPs and Peds

- Depression Screening age 12+
- Depression Screening Follow up age 12+

Annual Wellness Visit—for PCPs

- Medicare AWV age 66+

A Physician-Hospital Organization (PHO) is a joint venture between physicians and a hospital/system that is authorized to contract with payers. A clinically integrated PHO is one that uses systems and processes to improve quality and reduce cost through evidence based medicine, performance measurement, information sharing, and alignment of incentives.