

Pay for Participation program improves health, provider reimbursements, and practice outcomes

What is the Wyoming EqualityCare Pay for Participation (P4P) program?

The Wyoming EqualityCare Pay for Participation (P4P) program allows EqualityCare providers additional reimbursement if they complete specific screenings, provide health education for EqualityCare patients with chronic illnesses, and refer them into the *Healthy Together!* Health Management program. Providers will also be paid for helping patients with chronic illnesses understand how to reduce their risk factors for developing complications, such as educating diabetics on the importance of checking their feet daily and getting routine eye exams.

The P4P program is the first component in Wyoming's cutting edge approach to link services and provide customized, preventive healthcare to clients leading to improved health outcomes. In 2008, the Wyoming Department of Health will be implementing a voluntary, web-based Total Health Record (THR) program which will give clients and the provider team access to a broad range of intelligent data about the client's health conditions, meaningful prevention information, and allow communication with other health care professionals.



Healthy Together! staff will lead you, step-by-step, through implementing the P4P program. We have all the tools to assist your clinic:

- Our **staff** will work with you and your staff in using the new codes and providing additional services.
- Education and screening forms have been developed to assist providers in using up-to-date evidence-based clinical guidelines for patient care.
- If you have an **Electronic Health Record**, staff can help validate that practice assessments and educational materials are up-to-date with evidence-based clinical guidelines.
- A toll-free referral number and fax line is available to refer clients with a new or established chronic illness. Each client receives a personal Health Coach that will provide telephonic case support, reinforce treatment plans, provide education, and encourage self-management to assist in improving patients' health outcomes.
- Our staff offers "practice management consulting" to improve billing and referral processes.

For information on how to implement the P4P program contacts:

Call Michelle Crist, Provider Services Manager, or Lisa Smith, Provider Services Coordinator, at 307-433-0970.

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"This program will clearly be beneficial to both providers and Medicaid recipients. By adhering to evidence-based clinical guidelines, physicians can offer improved health outcomes for their Medicaid patients, plus enjoy increased reimbursement for services provided.

- Dr. Marion Smith, Torrington FP

Call 1-888-545-1710 or visit our website at: www.WYHealthyTogether.com

Healthy Together! is offered by the Wyoming Department of Health to all Wyoming EqualityCare clients at no cost. The program provides one-on-one support from a nurse, educational materials to encourage the self-management of health and assistance in coordinating care among multiple providers. Healthy Together! also provides EqualityCare clients with information on weight loss, smoking cessation, and how to adopt healthy lifestyles. Healthy Together! was named the Best Government Disease Management Program by the Disease Management Association of America in 2005.



