

2024 Indian Health Service Partnership Conference

Best Practices – PRC SU Supervisors

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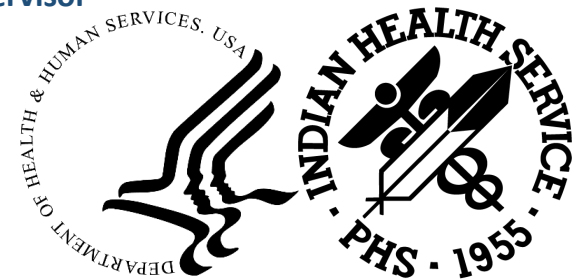
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Streamlining the Session – PRC Committee Meeting

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Introduction

Great Plains Area IHS (North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, and Iowa)

Standing Rock IHS is located on the Standing Rock Reservation located in North and South Dakota:

- Standing Rock Hospital – Fort Yates, ND
- McLaughlin Health Center – McLaughlin, SD
- PRC Supervisor
- Budget Analyst
- Medical Support Assistants - 2



Background Creating a Electronic, Virtual, and Paperless Process

- ❖ Why create a virtual process for the PRC Committee, what do we want to achieve?
- ❖ How is this process going to look?
- ❖ What are the benefits?
- ❖ What are opportunities for committee improvement?
- ❖ What could be some potential fall-outs, challenges, barriers?
- ❖ Paperless process
- ❖ Streamlining work
- ❖ Seize the opportunity to create a virtual committee, go paperless!



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PRC Committee Minutes

**Purchased Referred Care Committee
Fort Yates IHS**

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Thursday, August 1, 2024
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Clinic Referrals

Call-in Referrals

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| ___ CEO | ___ Budget Analyst | ___ Case Management Supervisor |
| ___ DCEO | ___ PRC MSA | ___ Case Manager |
| ___ PRC Supervisor | ___ PRC MSA | ___ Case Manager |
| ___ Clinical Director | ___ FY BOM | ___ Case Manager |
| ___ Acting Clinical Director | ___ MoL BOM | |

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DAILY SPENDING

Chart #	Name	YEND	RCIS	DX/Procedure	Est. Amount	MPL	Approved	Admit Discharge	# of visits	Close Referral	Denied	IHS Available	Status	Provider	ALTERNATE RESOURCES/COMMENTS	BUSINESS OFFICE COMMENTS
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FY-23 BACKLOG REFERRALS																
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APPEALS																
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PATIENT BILLS																
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	NAME			COMMITTEE DISCUSSION											ACTION/FOLLOW UP	



Purpose Driven Results

- ❖ Increased participation
- ❖ Engaged discussions
- ❖ Immediate edit & updates
- ❖ More efficient meetings
- ❖ Easier document access
- ❖ Reduced paper = cost savings
- ❖ Greater Productivity



Virtual Process Continuity

- ❖ Process monitoring
- ❖ Measure Results
- ❖ Identify Bottlenecks & Roadblocks
- ❖ Resolve any identified Issues
- ❖ Continue to refine process



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Referral Management/Scheduling

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CLINTON SERVICE UNIT
OKLAHOMA CITY AREA IHS



Referral Information

Where does it come from?

- Information dashboard
- Pending referrals
- Approved referrals
- ER referrals
- Total number of referrals for current month
- Average number of days from initiation to approved
- Average number of days from initiation to approved in the last year



Overview: Sending referrals to review

- Prior to sending to review, verify:
 - ❖ Eligibility
 - ❖ Alternate Resources
 - ❖ Approved Vendors
 - ❖ Reason/Purpose
 - ❖ Medical History & Findings
 - ❖ Edit Abbreviations on Purpose Line
 - ❖ Where to place the referral for review – Review Folders



Overview: Spending Plan/Meeting Minutes

PRC Budget Funds Avail - CSU FY24 Begin FY - Excel

George, Tracy (HEV/OKC/CNT) Share

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Ready



Overview: How to schedule appointments

- How do you know the referral is approved
- Build a referral packet electronically
 - Demographics; Medical Notes; Imaging; Lab; Outside notes (if indicated)
- Electronic Faxing
 - Software
 - Equipment
 - Saving Referral Packets
- Vendor/Patient Notification of Appointment
 - Complete the vendor/patient letters for finance
 - Where to place the letters for a purchase order
 - What happens next?
 - Vendor/Patient instructions for future services



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The Digital Future of PRC

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Best Practices to Improve PRC Fundamentals

- Identify the current basic concepts and practices
- Management of the financial aspects of healthcare services
- Planning and budgeting
- Management of financial operations based on purchasing of services
- Analyze the outcome

2024 Agency Work Plan	PRIORITIES
	Patient Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility Manager and Safety Officer Training Agency-Wide
	Human Capital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Sanitation Facilities Construction • Assess for the Most Effective Human Resources System • Employee Wellbeing and Resiliency
	Operational <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VA and IHS Memorandum of Understanding Performance Measures – Improve External Communication • Evaluate and Improve Internal Communications • Improve Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act Operations • Design a Robust Care Management System to Help Patients Navigate the Healthcare System • Design a Policy Review Process – Policy Management System • Acquisition Procedures Standardization
	Financial <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchased/Referred Care (PRC) Authorization and Payment Process • PRC Carryover • Document Oversight of Facility Budgets
	Compliance/Regulatory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design Governing Board Standardization
	Strategic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess Needs of Patient Populations



Back to the Future

- Electronic processing of claims
- Improve the PRC referral/financial process
- Communication and tracking of PRC Referrals and Purchase Orders
- Alignment of Patient-centered services and Access to Quality Healthcare



The Digital World of PRC Accessibility and Progress

- Test project with five (5) providers for processing claims and referrals for patients
- Training for Fiscal Intermediary Portal Access for the providers
- Patient listing sent via secure email to PRC
- Excel spreadsheet to identify NAME/DOS/Allowable and Billable Amount
 - ❖ Improvement of patient-centered services
 - ❖ Quicker turnaround time for referral completion within five (5) days
 - ❖ Tracking of PO process in Fiscal Intermediary
 - ❖ Strengthen communication between PRC and Providers



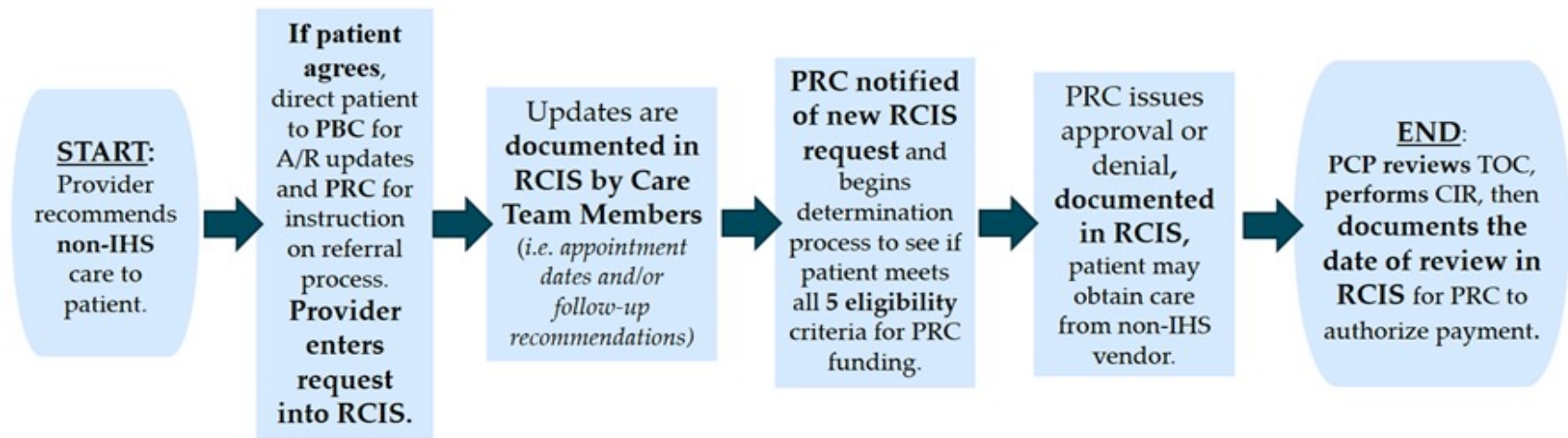
Best Practices Compliance CMS

Ensure Transactions are Accurate and Secure and Utilize CMS Compliance Tools:

- ✓ Provide patients and providers with information and flow charts of the referral process to highlight best practices
- ✓ Implement New Medical Priorities
- ✓ Submitting electronic claims to FI
 - ✓ Collaboration with HIM for Public Health Records (PHR) sending information on patient health plans to the provider and patient.
- ✓ PRC referral and PRC letters updated to share information on guidance on alternate resources and liability clause



Best Practices In the Alignment of Interest



Best Practices Accessible to Quality Healthcare

Patients and Providers:

- Patient Centered Services
- Access to Quality Health Care
- Timely Care
- Reduce Costs
 - Education for outside healthcare providers on Medicare-like rates
 - Focus on Prevention and utilize the new Medical Priorities
- Purchase order processing
 - Track results through GPRA



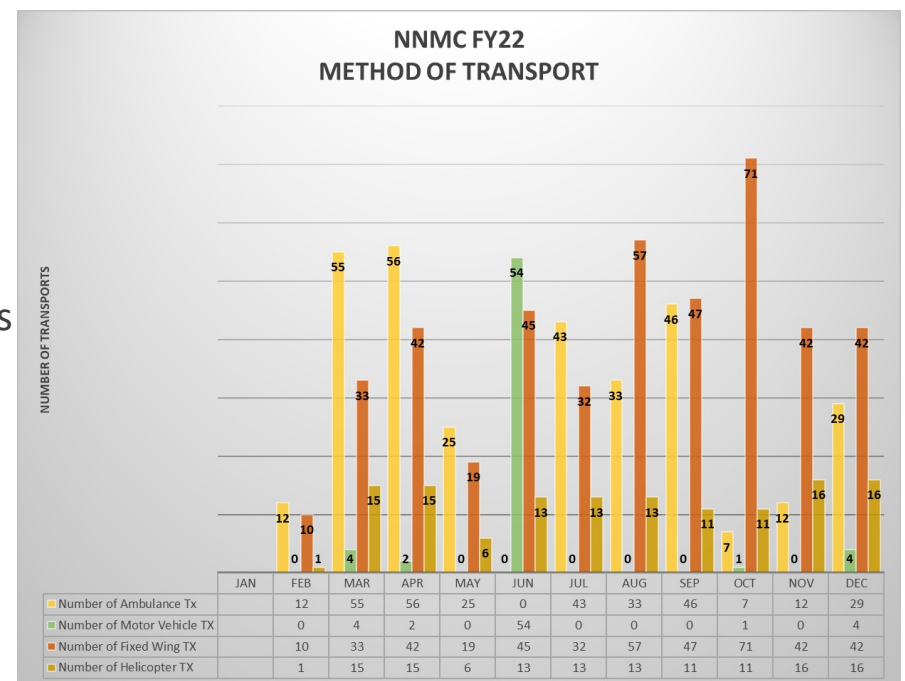
Best Practice of Patient Centered Services

- Motivational interviewing
- Emotional support
- Social and financial factors
- Values and culture
- Improve patient outcome
- Support providers



Continued Digital Expansion of PRC

- Data Tracking on Transfer and flight status
- Spending Plans
- Deferred services
- Metric Reporting
- Workload tracking for PRC Contact Representatives
- Electronic patient listings from outside healthcare providers with future appointments
- Case Management Meetings every week
- Training for the PRC Workforce on technology and effective communication



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Personal Health Record

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What Is PHR?

The IHS Personal Health Record system allows our patients to access their health information quickly and conveniently using their personal computer, tablet or cellular phone.



What Is Available Through PHR?

Patients can access the following:

1. Clinic notes
2. Immunizations
3. Laboratory results
4. Radiology reports
5. Medication listing
6. Last admission summary
7. Future appointments
8. Send email messages to their health care provider



PHR Benefits

Patient can view any health information from any IHS and Tribal site that is running RPMS applications.



To Register

Its simple and only takes a few minutes.

Access to PHR is instantly once the PHR Registrar links the account.

How to sign up for your PHR

Step 1: Create a PHR account

Step 2: Meet your PHR Registrar

Step 3: Login to PHR

Step 1: Create a PHR account

1. Go to <https://phr.ihs.gov> in your web browser.
2. Click the button labeled "Register to use PHR."
3. Choose a username and password that you can remember.
4. You will be asked to enter some information about yourself. When you are finished, you will get a message asking you to go to your hospital or clinic to finish the registration process.
5. Remember to use your legal name.

Step 2: Meet your PHR Registrar

You will need to meet with the hospital or clinic's PHR Registrar. This person will activate your account. Please bring a photo ID if you have one.

Step 3: Login to the PHR

After you talk with the PHR registrar, your PHR account will be ready.

1. Go to <https://phr.ihs.gov>.
2. Enter your username and password.
3. Select the health record you would like to view.
4. You can now view your health information.

For more information, visit the Indian Health Service at <http://www.ihs.gov>

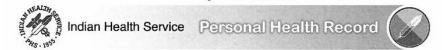
Best Practices To Increase PHR Enrollment

Purchased Referred Care

Partner with PRC to enroll patients referred for health care outside your facility.



Going somewhere for health care?
Get immediate access to your health information by registering on-line for your PHR



Sign up is easy using your smartphone, tablet or personal computer by going to <https://phr.ihs.gov>

It's so simple!

1. Create a user name and password that you will always remember
2. Answer security questions
3. Correctly identify yourself, using your full legal name
4. Read and accept Privacy Policy, Terms and Conditions
5. Review your entry and click REGISTER

You can also stop by the **PHR Office** (*across from Pharmacy*) on the way out for immediate access. It will only take a few minutes. Call **505-368-7388** or **505-368-6270** to have your account linked or if you have any questions.

You will be able to view and print your health information from your smartphone or computer*.

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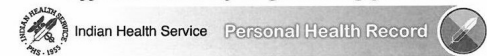
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Prenatal Clinic

Allows access to prenatal notes and lab results.



Get immediate access to your prenatal visit information for off-site care by registering for PHR!



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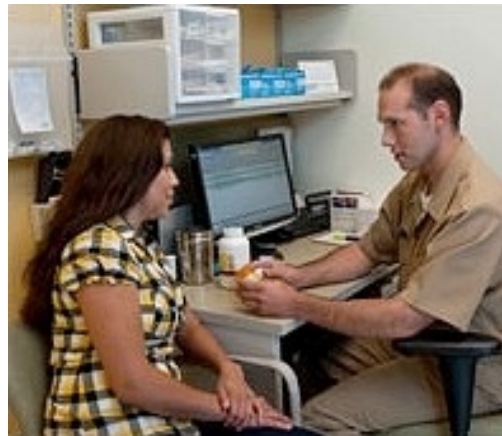
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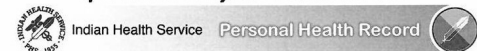
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Pharmacy

Partner with Pharmacy Refills by placing PHR flyer in medication bag



*Need your current medication listing or
Need to contact your doctor about a
question on your medication?*



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Best Practices To Increase PHR Enrollment

HIM Release of Information Office

- Inform patients of PHR at the time of face-to-face disclosure.
- Mail PHR flyer with copies of medical records to patient



Best Practices To Increase PHR Enrollment

Participate in community events, educating patients of PHR portal.



Best Practices To Increase PHR Enrollment

Community Vaccination Events

- Real-time PHR enrollment
- Patient calls NNMC to register while waiting in line.
- This was due to no internet access for on-site enrollment.
- Dedicated phone line at NNMC during community events managed.



Best Practices To Increase PHR Enrollment

Outside Activities

- Participate in local College Fair Day – Educating & enrolling 18 year old students who will be leaving the reservation/area for college.
- Armed Forces Recruitment Centers – Providing PHR flyers for Native troops to sign up if health information is needed.



Best Practices To Increase PHR Enrollment

VA Hospitals – Leave PHR flyers with Information Desk to improve communication with their VA doctor.

Local Dialysis Units – To share medication management and health care visits. Go on-site for enrollment event.



Best Practices To Increase PHR Enrollment

Sponsor a hospital/clinic employee sign-up blitz

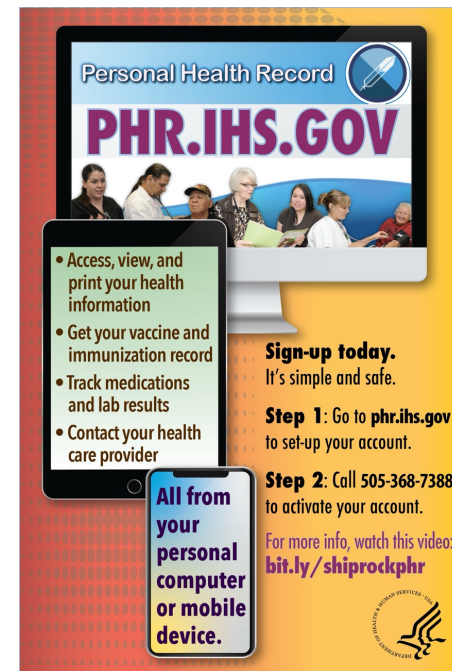
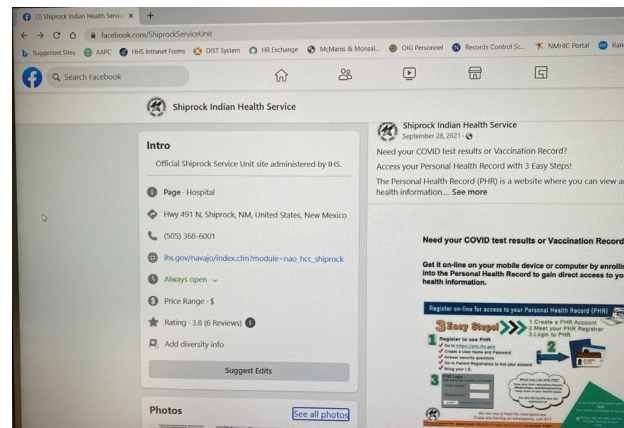
- Go to each department and enroll staff who have an IHS medical record.
- Best way to sell PHR is word-of-mouth. Employees can tell their family and friends to sign up after they see the benefits of having access to their health information



Best Practices To Increase PHR Enrollment

Social Media

Add flyer to your facility Face Book page.



Best Practices To Increase PHR Enrollment

Public Information Officer

To include PHR option for access to health information for copies of records.



Shiprock Service Unit FLU and COVID-19 Vaccination Event 2021

For Shiprock Service Unit Indian Health Service beneficiaries

No Appointment Needed

Wednesday, December 22, 2021 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Navajo Preparatory School

In partnership with Navajo Preparatory School, Northern Navajo Medical Center will provide the following:

- Flu vaccinations will be available for ages 3 years and older.
- First and second dose COVID-19 shots will be available for ages 5 years and older.
- COVID booster shots are available for age 16 years and older - 6 months after the second shot of Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, and two months after the first shot of Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Native Americans who live in the Farmington, Kirtland, Aztec and Bloomfield areas are welcome. This is the last vaccination event for the year.

Northern Navajo Medical Center also provides COVID-19 and Flu Vaccines to children, age 5 years to 17 years, during the Christmas School Break at the COVID-19 Trailer in the front parking lot of Northern Navajo Medical Center.

IMPORTANT

Individuals requesting 2nd or 3rd doses of COVID-19 vaccine should bring their COVID-19 vaccine information cards or printed immunization record.

If you have misplaced your COVID-19 vaccination card, go to Medical Records at Northern Navajo Medical Center to pick up a copy of your immunization record or download from your Personal Health Record online at <https://pwr.ihs.gov>

Patients, ages 65 and older, should bring an ID to verify their age. Children must be with an adult.

For more information: Shiprock Health Promotion, 505-368-6300

Best Practices To Increase PHR Enrollment

Navajo Area PHR Video

<https://youtu.be/dq6VrLXn9XY>

- Video shown in clinic waiting rooms



Best Practices To Increase PHR Enrollment

- PHR Registrar participates in discharge planning and enrolls patients before leaving the inpatient unit.
- Sets up mini-PHR enrollment in clinic waiting rooms.
- Participates in hospital events for enrollment
- No funding or approval for full time PHR registrars, then possibly invest in kiosk stations for patients to use.



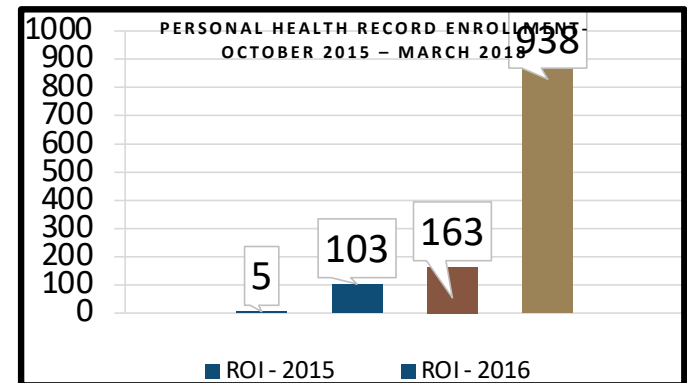
PHR Challenges

- Health Information available in PHR begins at the time RPMS EHR was implemented.
- Medical Coding must be current and complete for data to cross over to PHR.
- Registration must be accurate (legal name) and no duplication of patient record.
- PHR is only available for 18 years and older. NO minors.



Increase Enrollment to Meet Requirements

- Very important to track progress and monitor enrollment to see if these activities have successfully contribute to increasing PHR enrollment.
- Patient access to their PHI is part of regulatory requirements and CMS.



Personal Health Record

The Personal Health Record (PHR) contributes to the Indian Health Service Mission by improving patient care by allowing patients to have direct access to their health information.



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Collaborative Innovations in Quality Care

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PRC Improvement Initiative

1. PI initiative should never be difficult...It's about breaking down the Process and NEVER about breaking down people!
2. Audit
 - Identified areas of opportunity to improve
 - Drill down processes
 - Take a look at each step of the workflow of the various different disciplines
3. How do we make our interprofessional collaboration successful?
 - What is our multidisciplinary approach?
 - What is our team makeup/players?
4. Can we be innovative?
 - What is our expected outcomes?
 - What is our realistic timeframe?
 - Is this an opportunity to spread to all 5 sites?
5. Overall, can we be measurable?
 - What is our target goals?
 - What is attainable?
 - Need to make data driven decisions
6. SMART Goals
 - Specific, Measurable, Attain, Realistic, Time



Audit/Findings

1. Organization

- Interviewing PRC staff, across the board they indicated there needs to be more communication within the PRC department
- Instituted daily huddles right at 8am. Go over schedules, pressing tasks for the day such as reports, committee review, meetings and any other concerns

2. Clinical Administration

- Referral review and request for services
- Need of follow up to show what was done for the patient to get the appointment scheduled, resolve the pending referrals
- Develop a tracking method to determine if we are on track with this finding
- PRC to start calling patients with a goal of 100% including documentation
- Providers/Clinicians entering purpose of referral vs specialty

3. PRC Committee

- Need to document communication to patient of review and vendor information
- Uninsured patients, develop a tracking method for PBO accountability and follow up
- Clinical Care Coordinators helping with tracking of appointments and records



Team Make Up/Multi-Disciplinary

Purchased Referred Care

- Schedulers
- Obligators

Patient Business Office

- Patient Registration
- Benefits Coordinators
- Supervisory Health System Specialist

Outpatient

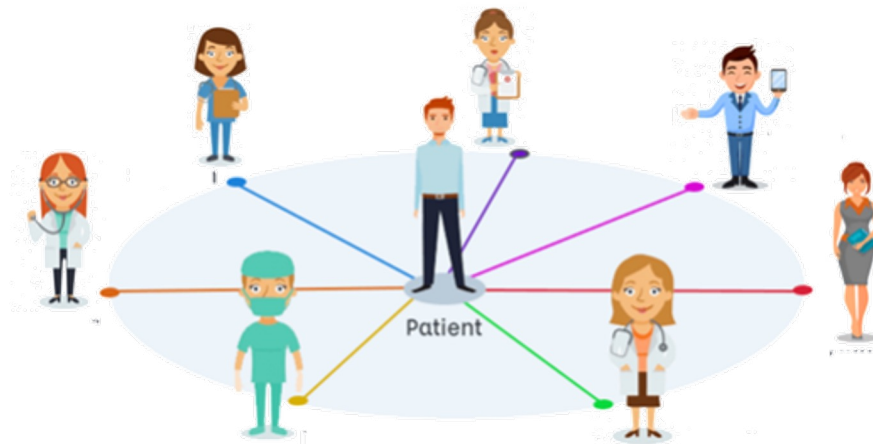
- Clinical Care Coordinators
- Case Managers
- Supervisory Clinical Manager

Clinical Director

- Dental Chief

Discharge Planner/Utilization Review

Risk Manager



Measures/Data

Provider/Clinician Referral Notation

- Collected referrals that had specialty department in the purpose of visit.
- PRC standing agenda item for MDS monthly meetings to review referrals
 - e.g. Mammogram vs diagnostic mammogram, Endocrinology vs Elevated TSH, Cardiology vs CAD

Patient Business Office

- Establish a method to track uninsured patients who received a referral with no alternate resources and a status

2024 Referral Documentation

	January	February	March
Eligibility	0%	33%	44%
Alt Res	70%	76%	88%
Committee Review	60%	23%	27%
Decision	50%	33%	61%
Doc Vend Ph #	45%	23%	50%
Doc Vend Fax #	70%	38%	67%
T/C	20%	28%	64%



Workflow

Add Referral for Demo, Patient Mickey Mouse

Patient Eligibility Status: **CHS DIRECT** VA Eligibility: **NO**

Priority: 3 Purpose/Services Requested: DEMO: Enlarged thyroid/evaluation

ICD Dx/PL: Hypothyroidism I Referral SNOMED: Referral to endocrinologist

Referring Provider: ZUNIGA, BEVERLY R Show All Referral Date: 11/16/2023

Referral Type: CHS Primary Vendor: Specific Provider:

Authorized Visits: 1 Visit Type: Inpatient Outpatient Schedule Appointment within 30 Days

ICD Diagnosis Category: ENDOCRINE, NUTRITIONAL & METABOLIC DISEASES

CPT Procedure Category: EVALUATION AND/OR MANAGEMENT

Notes to Appointment Scheduler: Prefers afternoon appointments

Medical Hx/Findings Referral Notes Case Notes ICD Dx

Include Items with Referral


All notes regarding PAYMENT of this referral is entered here by PRC

- Eligibility, resources, decision, committee review date (if needed) will all be documented here
- PRC Committee Review decision will be documented here
- Patient contact with phone number will be documented here
- Vendor name and fax number will be documented here
- Any communication with the patient and/or vendor is documented here
- Referral decision ABOUT PAYMENT is documented here
- Referral decision does not interfere with services requested. Documentation on patients OPTIONS about the referral are documented here.

Include Items with Referral

- Consultation Report
- Face Sheet
- Health Summary
- History and Physical
- Most Recent EKG
- Most Recent Lab Report
- PCC Visit Form
- Pre-Natal Record
- Signed Tubal Consent
- Speciality Clinic Notes
- X-Ray / Report
- X-Ray Film

Save Cancel



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health and Human Services

Indian Health Services
Parker Indian Health Center
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February 16, 2024

TO: Parker Purchased Referred Care Supervisor & Staff
FROM: Diana DeLeon, Acting Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Standing Order of PRC referral approval

Please utilize this notice as a standing order of approval for payment from the Purchased Referred Care (PRC) department for PRC eligible patient's referrals for the following medical services.

The following list of medical priorities standing orders cover PRC referral's from February 16, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

- Ambulance transports to CRSU Parker ER (Medical Priority level 1)
- OB Prenatal Care (Medical Priority level 2)
- High Risk OB Prenatal Care (Medical Priority level 1)
- Cancer care Established patient (Medical Priority level 2)
- Ortho, fracture excludes hand fractures (Medical Priority level 2)
- Breast Mass or lesion (Medical Priority level 1)
- Dental Oral Surgery and Dentures (Medical Priority Level)
- MRI (Medical Priority level 2)
- Colonoscopy, screenings (Medical Priority level 3)
- Mammogram, screenings (Medical Priority level 3)
- Vision, routine eye exam (Medical Priority level 2)
- Hand Fracture or thermal injury/cellulitis (Medical Priority level 1)
- Nutrition Consult (Medical Priority level 3)

These services will require a referral from the providers. This will expedite the payment process, as well as scheduling of appointments for these screenings, which also allow us meet the GRPA standards for the Colorado River Service Unit (CRSU).

Any medical questions are to be directed to the Acting Clinical Director (CD) for clarification.



Accountability/Tracking Method

PRC Review Committee Dashboard

Ref Type	HRN	Patient Name	Alt. Res	DOS	Referring Provider	Service Requested/Purpose of Ref	Vendor Name	Decision	MPL	Category	Est Cost	PRC Staff
1												
2												
3												
4												
5												
Approved: _____			Denied: _____		Pend: _____						0	
Legend: R = Referral			R		Priority Level:		Category:					
N = Notification			N		1 - CORE/Essential		A - Preventive & Rehabilitative					
A = Approved			Approved		2 - INTERMEDIATE/Necessary		B - Medical/Dental/Vision/Surgical					
D = Denied			Denied		3 - ELECTIVE-Justifiable		C - Reproductive & Maternal/Child Health Services					
NAR = No alt res			Pending		4 - EXCLUDED		D - Behavioral Health Services					

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
Date	PRC Staff	HRN	Patient Name	Alt. Res	Date of referral	Ref #	Service Requested/Purpose of Ref	Decision	Date of PRC note	Need	BC Assigned	BC Notes	
1													
2													
3													
4													
5													

PBO Tracking Log

CCC Tracking Log

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
Patient Name	MR #	Resources	Date Transferred	Transferring Facility	Accepting Facility	Diagnosis	PCP	CCC	CCC Notified	Date Discharged	Follow up	Transfer Facility	
Acute													
Skilled Nursing Facility/LTAC													
MENTAL HEALTH													
PIHC IN HOUSE													
Long Term Care													
RA= Repeat Admission													
Yellow= Tentative DC date													



Outcomes

1. Patients – access to care, continuity of care, decrease in complaints/grievances
2. Staff – sense of worth in their work, morale, empowered, contribution to patient care
3. Leadership – PCMH, multidisciplinary work, Mission driven
4. CCC’s – trust the documentation entered, “closing the loop on referrals”
5. PBO – spreadsheet catching those “falling through the cracks”
6. Providers – understanding accurate documentation is key to moving forward with requested services
7. PRC – time management and standardization makes all the difference
8. Increase PRC communication & education, scheduling and obligations will increase as well

	May	June
Eligibility	100%	100%
Alt Res	100%	100%
Committee Review	100%	100%
Decision	100%	100%
Doc Vend Ph #	100%	100%
Doc Vend Fax #	100%	100%
T/C	100%	100%

Future Outlook:

- Team dynamics – always evolving, always getting better, “Opportunities”
- Role clarity – bridging PRC into to the team
- Improve health status for our patients/community to its highest level



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