Improving Identification of Depression and Alcohol Use Disorder in Seniors

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) compensates physician practices for screening of depression and alcohol use disorder. Both of these conditions are designated by the U.S. Preventive Task Force as necessary for the prevention or early detection of illness. CMS has set targets to improve the identification of these conditions and encourages all eligible providers to be a part of reaching this collective goal.

By 2019, 10,000 primary practices across the nation will screen a majority of Medicare patients for depression and alcohol abuse to reach a total of 1.5 million beneficiaries screened.

As the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) in your state, Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG) is available to assist primary care practice settings in increasing the identification of persons with depression and/or alcohol use disorder.

Partnering with HSAG will allow your physician practice to:

- Access one-on-one technical assistance to help you integrate depression and alcohol screening into your existing workflow.
- Attend learning sessions that include evidence-based guidelines on how to provide appropriate treatment for patients affected by these conditions.
- Network and build meaningful relationships with peers, key stakeholders, community organizations, and nationally recognized experts to address alcohol abuse and behavioral health issues.

Let Us Help Your Practice Improve Patient Outcomes

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