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Improving Counseling For End of Life Care

Some of the most difficult decisions for patients, their families and their providers involve end-of-life care, especially the decision to forego aggressive medical treatment and focus on



palliative care. Patients with complex and multiple chronic conditions typically have many healthcare providers and specialists so it can be time consuming to obtain a complete medical history. Having a single source for patient information through Health Current simplifies the process tremendously for Arizona Palliative Home Care (AZPHC).

Gobi Paramanandam, MD

"This is the biggest benefit from a clinical standpoint," said

Gobi Paramanandam, MD, executive director. "We could request records from multiple specialists, but now I get a really good snapshot of the patient by reading through the notes in the HIE portal."

AZPHC is a program of not-for-profit Hospice of the Valley, Arizona's first and largest hospice provider. With referrals coming from insurance and healthcare providers, AZPHC serves terminally ill patients, patients with serious chronic disease and frail elderly patients, and helps bridge the transition from aggressive medical care to hospice care. [Read more.](#)

AHCCCS Targeted Investment Program Increases Health Current Participation

The AHCCCS Targeted Investment Program (TI Program) has resulted in a surge of new

Participants for Health Current recently. A total of 38 provider organizations have recently joined Health Current due to their selection to participate in the TI Program.

This AHCCCS Program provides financial incentives to eligible providers to develop systems of integrated care and mandates participation in the use of Health Current. The aim of this program is to encourage and incentivize these providers to securely share clinical data



to improve care coordination among care teams, identify and manage patient populations and develop high-risk patient registries. [Read more.](#)

AHCCCS Awards \$50 Billion in Complete Care Contracts: Nearly All Are Health Current Participants

AHCCCS recently announced an award of \$50 billion in Complete Care contracts to seven integrated managed care organizations with the aim of serving 1.5 million Medicaid members over the next seven years in Arizona. These Complete Care Contracts require that organizations integrate physical and behavioral health services within the same network.

This award is an important step in reducing fragmentation for AHCCCS and its beneficiaries, according to Tom Betlach, director of AHCCCS. [Read more.](#)

Health Current Webinar: New Policy on Permitted Use of Data

The Health Current Board of Directors recently approved changes to the Health Current Permitted Use Policy and a new Minimum Necessary Standard Procedure, effective April 16, 2018. Additionally, the Board approved a new Data Submission Policy in the fall that formalizes the standards for the submission of data to Health Current. [Read more.](#)

To provide further information about the new policies and procedure, Health Current will be hosting two educational webinars;

Wednesday, March 28, 2018 1:00pm- 2:00pm

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 1:00pm- 2:00pm

REGISTER NOW!

If you have any questions or concerns about the new policies or procedure, please contact your account manager.

Save the Date: Health Current Summit & Trade Show

11th Annual Health Current Summit & Trade Show

Please plan to join us this December for the largest Health IT event in Arizona. Over 325 attendees participated in last year's Health Current Summit & Trade Show, which featured presentations, discussions and breakout sessions on how health information, innovative solutions and one-connection technology can achieve the triple aim of improved care, improved outcomes and lower costs. Look for more details coming soon.

Date: December 3 - 4, 2018

Location: Renaissance Phoenix/Glendale Hotel & Spa, Glendale, AZ



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