SEVENTH DISTRICT BRANCH REPORT

April 2017

Since the last meeting of the MSSNY Council, the Seventh District Branch has been involved in the following issues and activities:

• MCMS held the annual Ask the Carrier event on Wednesday March 29th. This event is an opportunity for the ~400 physician practice staff members in attendance to hear from and meet with representatives from the payers in this region including: Excellus, MVP, UHC, Aetna, YourCare, Medicaid, Medicare, and Worker’s Comp.

• MCMS has participated in two meetings of the Regional Oversight Management Committee in the Finger Lakes region. There is concern from payers of the committee’s actual ability to impact metrics used in the program and pushback to include payment in the discussion at any level.

• MCMS met with local legislators and staff. The future of healthcare and AHCA were among topics discussed.

• The MCMS Quality Collaborative continues to review and update community clinical guidelines. Recently updated are the Adult Preventive Care and Routine Prenatal Care guidelines. The QC is also in the process of updating the Adult Diabetes Guideline, ADHD Guideline, Thyroid Disease Guideline, Follow-up and Management of Indeterminate Lung Nodules Detected Incidentally on Nonscreening CT guideline, Community Principles of Pain Management, and the Physician Communication Principles.

• Phase 2 of the MCMS Knowledge to Action project continues to move forward. The planning committee has reviewed multiple different analyses of several disease states that narrowed the field of guidelines to be implemented. The planning committee continues to narrow the field so that selection can be made.

• MCMS continues to participate on the DSRIP FLPPS Clinical Quality Committee. Clinical protocols for all 11 FLPPS projects were have been reviewed and are near finalization (CQC vote result is pending). MCMS continues to advocate for support of Physicians within the FLPPS funds flow model, voicing concerns with patient attribution models used to derive funding.

• MCMS spoke with the media regarding the AHCA, hospital safety requirements, and the importance of care coordination.
MCMS continues to provide comprehensive practice management education. See upcoming programs below.

Upcoming MCMS Programs/Events
April 13  Maintaining Medical Records Confidentiality
April 27  Understanding MACRA, MIPS and APM to Maximize Your Practice Reimbursements
May 11, 12, 18, 19  Certified Medical Office Manager
May 17  Advanced Coding and Auditing Boot Camp
May 24  Violence in the Workplace and Emergency Preparedness
June 7  Controlled Substances
September 8, 12, 29,
October 4, 11  Certified Medical Coder
September 13  Healthcare Reform Update
October 10  Transform the Front Desk Staff
December 7  Coding and Reimbursement Update 2018

Dates TBD-
Professional Development program for nurses (Summer 2017)
Leadership Program (Fall 2017)
HIPAA Webinar (Fall 2017)