



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

To all our South Texas members, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We hope that you, your staff, and your neighbors are keeping safe.

Upcoming Meetings

NTENT Member Exclusive Training Event – Save the Date

(sponsored by Phonak and Elite Hearing Network)

Save the dates have been mailed for NTENT's exclusive training event. Physicians, Audiologists and Office Managers are welcome. **Space is limited so reserve your spot now to knorris@ntent.org.** Invitations will be mailed next month. [Click her for save the date invitation.](#)

October 3rd – Dallas - *Silver Fox, Richardson*

October 4th – Fort Worth – *Silver Fox, Ft. Worth*

October 10th – Austin (*location TBD*)

October 11th – Houston (*location TBD*)

2018 Annual Membership Meeting

The date has been set for the annual membership meeting: **Saturday, February 24th, 2018** in Dallas, Texas. [Mark your calendars.](#) We are inviting your key staff to attend, as well.

Clinical Integration Efforts

Patient Satisfaction Survey's

As we move towards clinical integration, it is of greater importance to measure patient outcomes. we have partnered with QM2 Solutions for this task. This patient experience measurement is a requirement to all NTENT members. If you have not completed the on-boarding form, please complete and send to ntentoperations@ntent.org no later than September 15, 2017. You can log into the NTENT website for the form or [click this link](#).

RegENT

A group agreement has been signed for NTENT members with RegENT. RegENT is a registry that focuses on quality improvement and patient outcomes. It will also serve as a tool for Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) reporting. If your group has not been mapped, then you will need to use the web upload tool to submit your data. Please watch your emails and log into the website for specific instructions on how to use this tool and other valuable information on RegENT.

What's New

Operations Assistant

Please welcome Ashley Fisher as NTENT's new administrative assistant. Ashley joins us part time and will be assisting with daily operations, credentialing and claims escalations for our members. You can reach Ashley at ntentoperations@ntent.org

Website

The new [NTENT](#) website has been launched. You have new usernames and passwords. Each member is limited to two logins. One for the member and one admin. Username will be physician NPI and the admin is NPI-admin (123456789-admin). If you are unable to login please contact us at knorris@ntent.org or ntentoperations@ntent.org

What you can find on the new website: Fee schedules, copies of contracts, contract abstracts, group purchasing information, quick links. We are continuously adding new functions and information to the website, so keep checking back.

Group Purchasing Update

US Medical IT

[US Medical IT](#) has partnered with the NTENT Group to provide outsourced IT and support as well as other critical IT services at a special discount to NTENT members. We know that our clients operate at a full-sprint every day and that they need a reliable IT partner that is capable of 'taking care' of all their technology needs. US Medical IT specializes in providing comprehensive Health IT services to medical professionals and practices. Our team has years of experience with *HIPAA Compliance, Security, Microsoft Cloud Services & Business Intelligence*.

Today [US Medical IT](#) supports 1,000s of healthcare professionals and staff. With over 4,000 desktops under management, our team can provide your organization with a **consistent, professional experience at a predictable cost** so that you and your team can stay focused on your patients.

Elite Hearing Network

Currently NTENT physicians are receiving a significant savings on hearing aids purchased through our partner, Elite Hearing Network. At year's end, physicians who participate in the program will receive a rebate on the items purchased through the NTENT Elite program. To get more information, email Kathie Norris knorris@ntent.org.

Victory Gallagher Insurance Offering

We are now offering Vision, Dental and Life Insurance at a discounted price through Victory Gallagher Insurance. You can sign up by visiting www.benefitsconnect.net/ntent

The Coding Institute

Receive 22% of the list price for coding books and coding alerts. Use the Coupon Code NTENT22 at checkout. (www.codinginstitute.com)

Property and Casualty Insurance

We are in the process of negotiating large group rate for property and casualty insurance. For NTENT to negotiate a program to create savings for our members, we need you to provide some basic information regarding your policies. **The survey takes less than 60 seconds** to complete and this will have a huge, positive impact on our negotiations. You will need to estimate your annual premium for your non-malpractice insurance (Property, General Liability, Auto, Umbrella

and Workers Compensation) as well as any paid claims. [Click Here to Complete Survey](#)

Payor News

Blue Cross Blue Shield

HealthSelect of Texas is effective for Employees Retirement System of Texas (ERS) /1/2017. This plan does not utilize the BCBS PPO through NTENT. It will use Blue Essentials HMO network which is managed directly or through another IPA. More information <https://www.bcbstx.com/hs/plan-information/healthselect.html>

Aetna

The new fee schedule effective 4/01/2017, is on the new website.

Cigna

The new fee schedule effective 7/03/2017, is on the new website. There is no site of service differential as of today.

Multiplan/PHCS

The new fee schedule effective 8/01/2017, is on the new website.

Thank you NTENT members!

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