



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Happy Holidays!

Upcoming Meetings

2018 Annual Membership Meeting

The date has been set for the annual membership meeting, **Saturday February 24th, 2018** at the Gaylord Convention Center in Grapevine, Texas and we are inviting your key staff to attend as well. Invitations will be coming soon.

2018 Karen Zupko & Associates, Inc NTENT Exclusive Coding Event

NTENT has an exclusive member only coding and billing seminar scheduled for **Friday May 4th, 2018** in DFW. Mark your calendars for this event. Price and location coming soon.

Clinical Integration Efforts

RegENT

If you plan to use RegENT for your 2017 MIPS reporting, you will need to let NTENT know ASAP so that we can pay the membership fees. For 2017, RegENT will only have the option to manually upload via web portal.

Please email knorris@ntent.org if you plan to use RegENT for reporting MIPS in 2017.

Patient Satisfaction Surveys

As we move towards clinical integration, it becomes more important to measure patient outcomes. This patient experience measurement is a requirement to all NTENT members and we have partnered with QM2 Solutions. All signed paperwork needs to be in by December 31, 2017. Please complete this [form](#) if you have not already completed and send to Ashley Fisher at ntentoperations@ntent.org.

What's New

End of Year Checks

End of year is already here, and we will be calculating and distributing BCBS performance reimbursement checks and our group purchasing rebates. Those offices that are purchasing through Elite Hearing Network will earn a bonus on what they have purchased. Supporting NTENT GPO has great benefits.

Changes

Please make sure that you notify NTENT of any changes or additions as soon as you are aware. These changes can take payors up to 120 days to change so it is important to contact

NTENT as soon as possible.

Group Purchasing Organization

NTENT's group purchasing organization is now available to all independent ENT's. Refer your fellow colleagues to NTENT for savings on medical malpractice, hearing aids, IT services and much more.

Group Purchasing Partners

US Medical IT

You're invited to join **US Medical IT** on Wednesday, December 13th, for a Lunch & Learn that will help you become a Health IT thought leader. This event will be held at the **Microsoft Technology Center** in Las Colinas from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. We will have an inspiring and thought-provoking conversation about how to deal with ransomware while maintaining business continuity in your clinic.

Find out how to use layered security to help protect your practice's valuable patient data. **US Medical IT** is a Gold Microsoft Partner. [Register today](#) and mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 13, 2017, so you don't miss out.

Elite Hearing Network

Currently NTENT physicians are receiving a significant savings on hearing aids purchased through our partner, Elite Hearing Network. At year 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.

NTENT Property and Casualty Insurance Program

NTENT has partnered with Boyd, Shackelford & Barnett Insurance Agency and negotiated a group program with The Hartford for NTENT members' Property & Casualty Insurance!

What does this mean for you?

The NTENT Property & Casualty Insurance program has already averaged **20% in premium reductions** for NTENT members! As a member, benefits include:

- Exclusive Reduced Rates
- Enhanced Coverage Negotiations
- VIP Servicing
- Part of an Elite Risk Pool

Your Property & Casualty insurance policies include:

Property, Business Owners, Directors & Officers, General Liability, Umbrella, Cyber, Workers Compensation, Auto Etc.

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Payor News

Blue Cross Blue Shield

Effective 10/01/2017 a new fee schedule was implemented. There are several codes that are paying an additional 15% to perform in an Ambulatory Surgery Center. These fee schedules are located on our website.

Cigna

New for 2018, Cigna Local Plus now has Lockheed Martin but is also being called “Cigna’s Premier Network”. This is part of Local Plus and all NTENT physicians are participating.

Thank you NTENT members!

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