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Prevention and Screening Services for CommuniCare Advantage Members

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We would like to thank our primary care physicians who continue to provide care to our CommuniCare Advantage members. To keep you informed of changes with Medicare requirements, we are sharing key important information on Medicare Star Ratings. The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare (CMS) monitors health plans' administrative data addressing access to preventive health services. Community Health Group appreciates the partnership it has with our primary care physicians to promote health and well being.

In accordance with the latest recommendations from the United States Preventive Services Taskforce (USPSTF) guidelines recommend plans and providers work together to promote access to preventive health services, with special emphasis on the following:

- Annual Wellness Exams
- Annual flu vaccines
- Pneumonia vaccines
- Colorectal Cancer Screening
- Glaucoma Testing
- Osteoporosis Management
- Controlling Blood Pressure
- Testing to confirm diagnosis of COPD
- Improving/maintaining Physical Health
- Improving/maintaining Behavioral Health

Please screen your patients and offer these screenings during routine office visits. You may coordinate the testing with our contracted laboratory provider Quest and diagnostic services through our contracted Free Standing Facilities. To access information on our contracted network, please access our home page at www.chgsd.com.

For any questions on claims submittal or coding, please contact Victor Gonzalez, Provider Relations Supervisor at (619) 498-6457.

For general questions about these screenings, please contact Martha Jazo Bajet, RN, MPH, Director of Utilization Management at (619) 498-6430.