



# PLEASANT RUN FAMILY PHYSICIANS

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**To:** Pleasant Run Family Physician *Medicare Patients*

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**Re: Medicare's Chronic Care Management Program**

*Dear PRFP Medicare Patients,*

If you have two or more chronic health conditions, you are likely covered by a new chronic care management program enabled by Medicare. Examples of chronic conditions include diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, depression, and others. Effective Jan. 1, 2015, federal regulations now enable Medicare to pay for specialized chronic care management activities *focused on you*: arranging all appropriate care and screenings, coordinating specialist care, emergency room care and hospital care when needed, but most importantly pursuing activities focused on keeping you healthy.

### **How can you benefit from chronic care management?**

Your physician and primary care team will supplement regular office visits with continuous monitoring of a comprehensive care plan for your chronic health conditions:

- You will have 24/7 access to your primary care team.
- You will have preventive care services scheduled, many of which are fully covered by Medicare, and your medications will be closely monitored.
- You will receive a personalized, comprehensive plan of care for all of your health issues and periodic phone calls to assess your status and progress.
- Your care will be coordinated by your physician and staff, including care you may receive at other locations, such as specialists' offices, the hospital, other health care facilities, or your home.

### **What do you need to know before signing up?**

- This program will not require additional office visits but does involve phone calls with you each month along with care coordination services. This care may require you to pay approximately \$8 to \$9 monthly (your Medicare coinsurance amount) to your primary care practice and it is subject to your Medicare deductible. If you have a Medicare Supplement plan, the \$8 to \$9 may be fully covered (check with your insurance plan).
- You must sign an agreement to receive this type of chronic care management.

Please let us know if you have questions about this new benefit or would like to receive the one-page agreement form. We strongly encourage all eligible patients to take advantage of this comprehensive service.

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