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A Message from your Affirmant Team

When the holidays come around we give thanks to the people who matter most in our lives. We celebrate love, family and friendship. It is important to keep in mind that this celebration includes our colleagues and our Affirmant members, as well!

The Affirmant Team spent a little time this November appreciating our team members. When thinking of what we are grateful for, we also think of you, our Affirmant Network.

2018 Medicare Shared Savings Program Results

The graphic below highlights a few of our top achievements nationally and regionally compared to other ACOs.

PROGRESS:

Affirmant 2017	Affirmant 2018
$15.4M Shared Savings	$28M Shared Savings (up 100%)
$7.7M Earned Shared Savings distributed to members	$14M Earned Shared Savings distributed to members (up 100%)
100% Quality Score for reporting (only one in the state)	97.2% Quality Score for Performance

BY THE NUMBERS:

ACOs in the United States
- 548 ACOs participating in 2018 MSSP
- $984.1M Shared Savings
- 205 (or 37%) ACOs earning shared savings

ACOs in Michigan
- 20 ACOs in MI participating in 2018 MSSP (3.6% of ACOs in the US)
- $97.5M Shared Savings (10% of MSSP payments)
- 13 (or 65%) ACOs in MI earning shared savings

THE FEDERATION ACO IS THE:

6TH Best ACO, based on savings rate (4.83%)

Largest ACO:
- in benchmark expenditures ($756,900,903)
- in assigned beneficiaries (74,380)

2ND Highest quality score (97.19%)

Largest ACO:
- in benchmark expenditures (756,900,903)
- in MI (74,319)

Crains Detroit | Michigan health groups reap increasing profits for Medicare, doctors, hospital systems

Hierarchical Coding Category Conditions Review

Affirmant Health Partners has partnered with Episource to collect and review medical records from 2018 and evaluate the capture of Medicare patient health and risk status. The purpose of the chart review is to capture proper Hierarchical Condition Category (HCC) diagnosis codes in order for CMS to appropriately risk adjust our Medicare patients. Episource will identify any areas for improvement in the identification and documentation of diagnosis codes and submit corrections to our codes for those with supporting documentation. Episource has approval from the Federation ACO Chapters to begin accessing medical records from local Epic instances as well as from some independent offices, focusing on reviewing records from September through December 2018.

Beginning November 2019, Andrea Charmley will lead the HCC retrospective coding review program and coordinate Episource working across all Federation ACO Chapters. Affirmant holds weekly meetings with stakeholders to ensure continued progress through the end of the year.

November 2019 Highlights

Current Focus

1 HCC documentation and clerical corrections

2 Prepare for Pathways to Success program starting January 1, 2020

3 HAP/PHP/Priority/Affirmant Collaboration

4 Quality and Utilization reports

Top Decisions Made

1 The Affirmant Board of Managers and the Federation ACO Board will move to a quarterly meeting cadence in 2020.

2 The 2020 Maintenance Budget was approved by the FCC and Affirmant Board of Managers.

3 The Post-Acute Care Workgroup approved 2020 tactics: inpatient palliative care and analytics on discharge disposition. The group also approved continuing to explore readying the Federation ACO to apply for the SNF 3-Day Waiver.

Leadership Retreat - 2020

BREAKING NEWS | Keynote Speaker Announced!

We are very pleased to announce Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha as the keynote speaker at the 2020 Leadership Retreat.

Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha is the crusading pediatrician who first researched and revealed lead in the blood of Flint, Michigan's children. Named one of *Time* magazine's "100 Most Influential People in the World," she continues to work to mitigate the impact of the water crisis on Flint's children. In her powerful book, *What the Eyes Don't See*, and her personal and inspiring speeches, she motivates audiences to speak out against injustice.

Read more about Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha

Save the Date | May 21, 2020

Mark your calendars for May 21, 2020! Affirmant's next Leadership Retreat will be held at the East Lansing Marriott Hotel, the same venue as last year. We are very excited about this event and will share more with you as we get closer to the big day!

Save the Date

LEADERSHIP RETREAT | 20/20 VISION

Vision without action is merely a dream.
Action without vision just passes the time.
Vision with action can change the world.
-Joel A. Barker

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East Lansing Marriott Hotel
May 21, 2020

Affirmant is hiring!

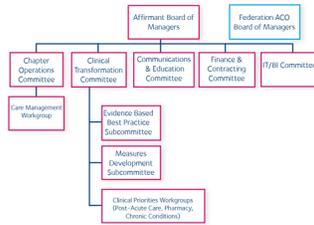### Do you know someone who may be perfect for this role?

Apply Now

The role of Clinical Transformation Consultant for Affirmant has been posted
through the Bronson Health hiring platform on Bronson Careers site. If you know

someone who may be interested in this opportunity, please share this job posting.

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Bronson Workday | Clinical Transformation Consultant opportunity with Affirmant Health Partners

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Committee Structure and Updates

Our Organization is physician-led and professionally managed. The Board of Managers consists of two representatives from each member system and a few advisors.

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Read More: Committee Structure and Updates
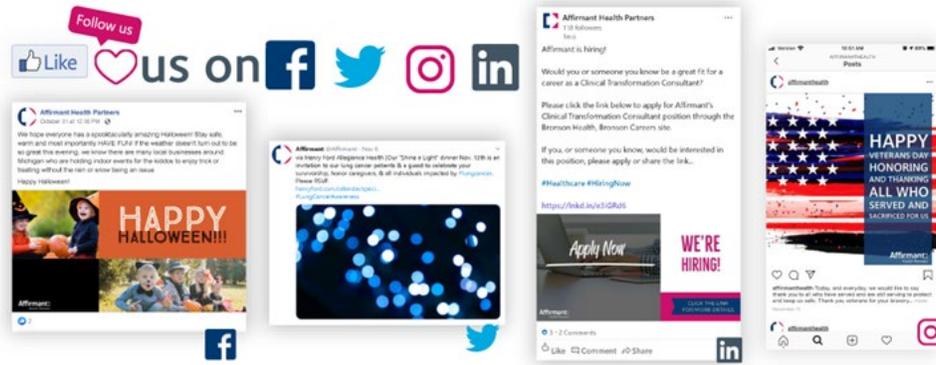
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Check out the 2018 Value Report!

The 2018 Value Report is now available to all members for viewing electronically through issuu.com as well as in hard copy form. The report is also available on the "About Us" page at affirmant.com. We would like to thank everyone who had a hand in updating information for this year's report and congratulate all of you for a very successful 2018!

Please write to us at info@affirmant.com to request a copy (or multiple copies) today.

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Click here to view Affirmant's 2018 Value Report on issuu.com

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Connect with us on Social Media

Affirmant is on [LinkedIn](), [Facebook](), [Instagram]() and [Twitter]() to connect with current and potential stakeholders. This is also a great way for us to highlight the important work our member systems are doing as well. If you are active on any of these platforms, please find us and comment or even tweet us @Affirmant.

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