With open enrollment beginning November 1st, there is a lot of uncertainty, coupled with a series of actions the Trump administration has taken in the months leading up to open enrollment, means the fifth open-enrollment period is shaping up to be the most challenging since the ACA was implemented. Premiums are raising significantly in many counties across the country, in part due to the Administrations decision to cease payments to insurers for cost-sharing reductions. Insurer participation also declined in many areas, leaving more counties with only one insurer, which likely contributed to the high rate of premium growth. To see how premiums have changed across the country, please click here. Modern Healthcare also recently published an article on Open Enrollment Preview, with
interactive maps for carriers and premiums - click [here](#) to view.

With Ambetter being the only carrier in Chatham County’s exchange, we would like to note that our practices may see a substantial increase in Ambetter patients come 2018.

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CIN in Action

The Clinical Programs Committee has been very active the last couple of months with multiple workgroups discussing Transitions of Care between providers and how to attain, store, and share relative data. We also had two meetings in October with Memorial Health, most recently with physicians from each entity talking through the TOC process and obstacles. Look for more to come as we work through possible gains in efficiency between Merit practices as well as collaboration efforts with Memorial with regards to patient handoffs. A "win win" for our community.

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MIPS & TCPI

Quality Payment Program

**final stretch!**

MIPS

As MIPS 2017 performance year is coming to an end, we wanted to remind you that the
The final 90-day reporting period began October 2nd. If you missed the deadline, you can still report the minimum participation requirements by either reporting:

- 1 Quality Measure; or
- 1 Improvement Activity, either high or medium weight (depending on practice size); or
- 4 or 5 base score ACI measures (depending on whether you've a 2014 or 2015 certified EHR, respectively)

For MIPS Action Plan & 10 Key Steps, click here.
For Quality Payment Program overview, click here.

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**TCPI**

Thank you to those continuing to participate in the TCPI Program! The TCPI program offers:

- Monthly MIPS Roadmap Calls
- Patient Satisfaction Tablets
- 24/7 Nurse Advice Hotline
- Care Coordination Training

If you are participating in the TCPI program and have not scheduled your reassessment REQUIRED by CMS, please contact us to schedule one. If you haven’t been participating in the program and would like to, please contact Ami Patel at apatel@shpllc.com.

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**News You Can Use**

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**CMS Announces New 'Meaningful Measures' Initiative**

CMS Administrator Seema Verma announced a new Meaningful Measures Initiative this past Monday that intends to streamline quality measures, reduces regulatory burden and promote innovation in the healthcare industry as it transitions from fee-for-service to value-based payments. Click here to read more.

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**CVS Bid on Aetna: Over $66 Billion Bet**

U.S. pharmacy operator CVS Health Corp has made an offer to acquire No. 3 U.S. health insurer Aetna Inc for more than $200 per share, or over $66 billion. The two started discussing terms only recently, and a deal is not expected for a few weeks. To read more, click here.
Awareness Months

November

Diabetes is one of the leading causes of disability and death in the United States, with 9.3% of Americans suffering from it. At the current rate, one in three American adults will have diabetes by 2050. November is National Diabetes Awareness month, to learn more please click here.

December

World AIDS Day is a global initiative to raise awareness, fight prejudice, and improve education about HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. World AIDS Day is December 1. Around the world, about 37 million people are living with HIV. To learn more, please click here.