2017 COPD Clinical Practice Guideline Updates

From: Passport Health Plan
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To: Passport Primary Care Providers

**Background:**
Passport Health Plan’s (Passport) mission is to improve the health and quality of life of our members. To support your efforts in the care and education of our members, and to reduce variations in diagnosis and treatment, Passport has adopted Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs) which are periodically reviewed and approved by our Quality Medical Management Committee (QMMC). Links to all approved CPGs are located on Passport’s website.

**Provider Action Needed:**
Global Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD) recently published the 2017 COPD guideline. Listed below is a summary of the updates:

- The ABCD assessment tool has been refined to utilize respiratory symptoms and exacerbations alone to assign the categories.
- Assessment and regular evaluation of inhaler technique has been added to attempt to improve therapeutic outcomes.
- The strategies for the management of CV and other important comorbidities are presented in detail.
- The complex issues of multi-morbidity and polypharmacy are outlined.


**Relevance:**
HEDIS Measures:
- Use of Spirometry Testing in the assessment and diagnosis of COPD
- Pharmacotherapy management of COPD exacerbation.
The COPD Chronic Respiratory Disease Management Program is a special program for Passport members with COPD. The guideline is used by Passport’s disease managers as a reference for ensuring Passport members obtain quality health care for their COPD condition. To contact the COPD Respiratory Disease Manager please call (502) 213-8960.

Questions:
If you have any questions about CPGs, please contact Provider Services, 800-578-0775 or your provider relations specialist. If you would like a hard copy of a CPG, please call Passport’s Quality Review Nurse at (800) 578-0603, ext. 8259.

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