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Reimbursement Outlook for 2015?

Did you miss ACCC's call on the proposed 2015 HOPPS and PFS rules? Log into mynetwork@accc-cancer.org and enter the key words "OPPS 2015" or "PFS 2015" in the search box to listen to the archived call.



To Extend or Not to Extend?

ACCC's newest education resource examines the costs and benefits of extending practice hours, including a practical tool where cancer programs input their own data to help develop a value proposition for making this programmatic change. www.accc-cancer.org/resources/pdf/Patient-Centered-Scheduling.pdf.



It Takes a Team

In this brief video, your peers from across the country answer the questions—when, why, and how to reach out to one of ACCC's Community Resource Centers. www.accc-cancer.org/resources/CRC.asp#video2.



One-Day Financial Advocacy Meetings

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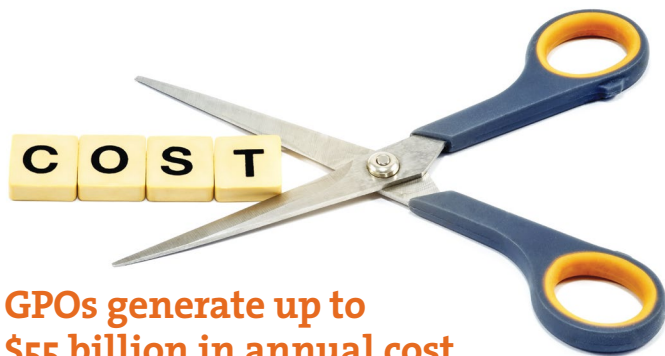
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GPOs generate up to \$55 billion in annual cost savings for hospitals, Medicare & Medicaid.

GPOs are expected to reduce healthcare spending by up to \$864 billion over the next 10 years.

Source: Dobson DeVano & Associates, LLC. A 2014 Update of Cost Savings and Marketplace Analysis of the Health Care Group Purchasing Industry Healthcare Supply Chain Association. https://c.ymcdn.com/sites/higpa.site-ym.com/resource/resmgr/research/hscsa_cost_savings_group_purc.pdf.

A Look at ACA Open Enrollment

- **10.3** million uninsured Americans got coverage during open enrollment*
- **57%** of ACA enrollees were previously uninsured+
- After enrollment, the adult uninsured rate fell from **21% to 16.3%***
- The largest decline in uninsured Americans occurred among **Latinos, blacks, and adults ages 18-34**—groups targeted for outreach.*

Sources: *Sommers BD, et al. Health reform and changes in health insurance coverage in 2014. *NEJM*. Published online at www.NEJM.org. +Kaiser Family Foundation. Survey of Non-Group Health Insurance Enrollees. <http://kaiserfamilyfoundation.files.wordpress.com/2014/06/survey-of-non-group-health-insurance-enrollees-findings-final1.pdf>.



10 Questions to Guide End-of-Life Conversations

1. Thinking about your death, what do you value most about your life?
2. If you were diagnosed with cancer, would you want to pursue every possible cure?
3. Do you imagine wanting to stop curative efforts if they were unsuccessful?
4. What kinds of aggressive treatments would you want (or not want)?
5. Do you want to die at home?
6. How do you feel about an extended hospitalization?
7. How much pain is acceptable to you?
8. Do you want to be with your family when you die?
9. What decisions regarding care do you want to entrust to others?
10. What do you hope for most regarding your death?

Source: Hospice Foundation of America. www.hospicefoundation.org.



U.S. Cancer Survivors Face Significant Economic Burden

- From 2008–2011, male cancer survivors had annual medical costs of more than **\$8,000** per person, and productivity losses of **\$3,700** compared to males without a history of cancer at **\$3,900** and **\$2,300** respectively.
- Female cancer survivors had **\$8,400** in annual medical costs per person and **\$4,000** in productivity losses compared to females without a history of cancer at **\$5,100** and **\$2,700**.
- Cancer survivors were more likely to be female, non-Hispanic white, have multiple chronic conditions, or to be in fair or poor health.
- Employment disability accounted for about **75%** of lost productivity among cancer survivors.
- Among survivors who were employed at the time of their diagnosis, cancer and its treatment interfered with physical tasks (**25%**) and mental tasks required by the job (**14%**); almost **25%** of cancer survivors felt less productive at work.

Source: CDC. Medical Costs and Productivity Losses of Cancer Survivors: United States, 2008–2011. www.cdc.gov/mmwr.