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Marketplace Update

by Deb Kipfer

October 1, 2014 marked the year anniversary of the opening of the insurance exchanges also known as the “Health Insurance Marketplace.” The exchanges were created as part of the sweeping healthcare legislation known as the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

The ACA combined multiple healthcare reimbursement programs into the Health Insurance Marketplace. Many Americans enrolled for coverage. But in 2015, as a result of other provisions of the legislation, more individuals will be required to purchase health coverage or face financial penalties.

Individuals who weren't previously eligible for health insurance or assistance through a state or federal plan could now potentially qualify for a premium tax credit, commercial insurance, cost sharing assistance, Medicaid, CHIP or a combination of these options.

The Open Enrollment period to secure coverage or to change existing coverage for 2015 began on Nov. 15 and will conclude on Feb. 15, 2015. Individuals who haven't made application for coverage by Feb. 15 generally won't be eligible to apply or change their current plan unless they qualify for a Special Enrollment Period.

In 2015, additional companies are offering Qualified Health Plans (QHPs) in Indiana. Last year only four plans were offered in northern Indiana. This year the number has been expanded to six. The available plans include:

- Anthem
- MDWise
- All Savers Insurance Company (United Healthcare Company–UHC)

- Coordinated Care Corporation (Managed Health Services–MHS)
- Time Insurance Company (Assurant)
- Physicians Health Plan of Indiana (PHP).

Each of the marketplace plans has closed networks, which means that those enrolled must seek non-emergency services from an in-network provider. Consumers are cautioned, when selecting a plan, to verify that all medical providers they currently access for healthcare, including their preferred hospital facility, are in their plan network. If they have services performed by an out-of-network provider, they can be financially responsible for the full amount of the bill.

It is ultimately the patient's responsibility to know the providers in their network. Community Hospital of Bremen anticipates that the hospital will be in network for all the plans being offered **with the exception of the Anthem Exchange plan.**

To aid consumers in understanding the options available to them, the hospital has a patient advocate (navigator) on-site biweekly. This individual holds the appropriate federal and state credentials necessary to provide information as well as screen and enroll applicants for health insurance coverage. The advocate takes appointments on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. This service is free and open to the public.

For questions or to schedule an appointment, please contact Carol at 574-546-8048 or Jen at 574-546-8024.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

to our Hospital Family & Friends,

Community Hospital of Bremen is proud of its long-standing commitment to providing healthcare to Bremen and the surrounding communities. Over the years, there have been several additions to the scope of the medical services that our facility provides. The hospital's expansion and growth has primarily been due to the generosity of our supporters. Your use of the hospital services as well as your monetary donations throughout the years have been invaluable to our hospital. Your dedication and support have allowed CHB to keep up with the changes in healthcare technology as well as the safety standards required by our industry.

Community Hospital of Bremen has provided obstetric services almost since its inception. The safety of our newborn babies is CHB's highest concern. In 2014, the hospital made a commitment to upgrade our infant protection system to ensure that our youngest patients and their families have an added layer of security while they are being cared for at the facility.

The system costs approximately \$41,000. Funds received from this year's Autumn Outing, the hospital Foundation, the Auxiliary and this year-end appeal will be used toward this cause.

If you are considering making a year-end donation for tax purposes, it is our hope that you will choose to help the hospital further our mission of providing quality state-of-the-art healthcare. If you are unable to make a monetary donation at this time, we would ask that you support our hospital by utilizing the healthcare services that we provide.

Our hospital family wishes you and your family a happy and safe holiday season and blessings in the New Year.

With Warmest Regards,

Lon Kipfer

Director of Development

Community Hospital of Bremen Foundation

CFO Transition

Debra Kipfer Retires

Debra Kipfer announced her retirement as Vice President of Finance and CFO, effective at the end of the year. She has served the hospital in that capacity for the past 24 years.

Debra and her husband, Lon, plan to stay in Bremen. She intends to continue to support the hospital and has already accepted an appointment to the hospital's Foundation board.

Debra says, "The hospital has meant a great deal to my family and me over the years. It has been my great privilege to serve in the CFO position and to watch the hospital grow and change. I am very proud of the facility and my affiliation with it. I am also very grateful to have had the opportunity to work with my hospital family, both staff and volunteers, and have developed many lasting relationships as a result."



CHB Welcomes New CFO

Community Hospital of Bremen has named Amy Lashbrook as the Vice President of Finance and CFO. She joined the organization in September and brings more than 21 years of healthcare experience to the position. Before joining CHB, her experience varied from working at area hospitals to a multispecialty clinic. During her most recent tenure in healthcare she spent more than 14 years with Nephrology, Inc., and their related companies as CFO and acting CEO for an interim term.

Lashbrook is a true Bremenite, being born and raised in the community. She continues to reside in town while her two daughters attend college locally. She also uses her financial background as an active board member with her church.

The opportunities that lie ahead are exciting to Lashbrook as well as the additional chance to connect with community members.



Community Hospital of Bremen utilizes advance ultrasound technology

Ultrasound is much more advanced today than it was even a couple of years ago. Community Hospital of Bremen has acquired a new GE LOGIC9 with XDclear ultrasound system that utilizes those advancements to improve patient care.

Ultrasound is a noninvasive medical test that uses high-frequency sound waves rather than radiation to create images of internal structures as well as to show blood flow. Sound waves are sent and received by placing a device called a transducer on the body. The transducers on the new LOGIC9 with XDclear are equipped with advancements that allow the sonographer (ultrasound technologist) to capture detailed and uniform images on all patients, which proves especially beneficial when scanning large patients.

The computer software permits adjustment of the technical portion of the images after the data is saved, which can decrease scan time. Patients that have difficulty

lying still due to physical, mental or age-related factors benefit immensely from this capability. Reduced scan time in conjunction with the ergonomic design of the keyboard and the lightweight construction of the components contribute to the decreased possibility of sonographer injury due to repetitive motion.

The LOGIC9 with XDclear requires less time to plan, set up and perform ultrasound exams while providing clear, accurate information for physician diagnosis and treatment. Make sure to request Community Hospital of Bremen when your physician recommends an ultrasound examination.



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Physician Corner

Community Hospital of Bremen
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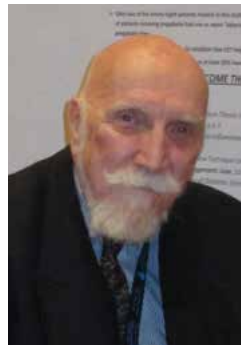


Laurence Gebler, MD



K. Edwin Leap, III, MD

Congratulations, Dr. Carney



On Sept. 19, 2014, Dr. Peter Carney (pain management specialist) attended the 25th annual meeting of the American Academy of Pain Management to present a poster titled *Quantum Theory Treats Neuropathy Better Than Pharmacology*.

Dr. Carney received a blue ribbon award for his documentation of using quantum theory to reduce the discomfort inflicted from peripheral neuropathy by employing a technique called Combined Electrochemical Treatment (CET).

Thanks Lions



Bremen High School students and faculty members sold the breast cancer shirt (pictured) during October, which is designated nationally as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The shirts were sold not only through the school but were also purchased by hospital employees to wear on their "Pink Fridays" during the month.

The Bremen High School Volleyball team wore pink for their matches on Oct. 7 at Jimtown and Oct. 9 at home. The BHS football team had a "Pink Out Night" on Oct. 10 at home.

All proceeds from the sale of the PINK OUT shirts were donated to the Community Hospital of Bremen Mammography Department to cover unreimbursed costs associated with the service. A check was presented at halftime of the Oct. 10 football game to David Bailey, President and CEO of the hospital

