

## Provider Bulletin

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Transition</b>		
<b>Plan:</b>	Coordinated Care Option 1	<b>Bulletin Date:</b>	October 3, 2014
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Dear Provider:

I would like to thank you for being a provider for the Health Care District of Palm Beach County's Coordinated Care Program. As a partner with the District, you have provided important care to residents of Palm Beach County who would otherwise have had limited or no access to health care services.

As the Health Care District completes its 25<sup>th</sup> year serving the residents of Palm Beach County, it faces new challenges from the ever-changing healthcare environment. As a result of the State's decision to not expand Medicaid, the local taxpayer is carrying a larger burden to fund health care services for the uninsured. The Health Care District's Coordinated Care Program has experienced significant growth over the past year covering more uninsured Palm Beach County residents who would have otherwise been eligible for expanded Medicaid had Florida chosen to expand.

In an effort to offset the increased costs associated with the growth in membership in the Coordinated Care Program, the District is planning to assign Coordinated Care members to the District's C.L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics. The transition of members to the C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics will occur gradually throughout the county based on capacity at our clinics. This transition will not impact all Primary Care Physicians at one time. Rather, members in different areas of the county will be transitioned based on the capacity at our clinics serving those areas. In addition, the transition will not impact members of Vita Health, the Health Care District's shared-cost health coverage plan, who are assigned to your practice.

If the Coordinated Care patients at your practice are transitioned to the C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics, you will first receive a letter identifying the date when the transfers will take place, and then the patients will receive a notification letter and a new ID Card identifying the new location where they will receive primary care services.

The Health Care District appreciates the partnership with your practice over the years to provide much needed care to Palm Beach County's uninsured as a provider in the Health Care District provider network. During the transition of the Coordinated Care members to the C. L. Brumback Primary Care Clinics, we ask that you assist with care coordination for members as medically appropriate.

Should you have any questions, please contact Provider Services at 866-930-1002.

Sincerely,

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