



**CPESN® SPECIAL MESSAGE
TO OUR NYCPS COLLEAGUES
HELP US EXPAND OUR PRESENCE OF
PHARMACIES IN THE CPESN NETWORK**

Payers want ready-to-go pharmacy providers. Do you want to be found?

CPESN USA is the country's first clinically-integrated accountable pharmacy organization.

Consider:

- Each local network is owned by its participating pharmacies;
- All pharmacies receive training and education on care delivery protocols and quality guidelines;
- Each local network is supported with network development, operations, and marketing resources;

- Leaders learn and share best practices in an "all-for-one, one-for-all" environment;

Join a clinically integrated network of community-based pharmacies who have united to provide value to plan sponsors and other payers through enhanced pharmacy services and lower costs.

From now until August 31, 2020, any new pharmacy who signs the CPESN participation agreement will have its monthly participation fees waived until September 1, 2020. That is a savings of up to \$285 per pharmacy.

For more information see: <https://join.cpesn.com/> YOUR NYCPS CPESN Luminaries, Roger Paganelli and Vinnie Mazzamuto are working hard to help create relationships with the various local health plans to provide enhanced patient services (that can be compensated) for our patients, while we also preserve our independent community pharmacies, but they need more pharmacies to enroll as there is strength in numbers!!

Consider this great opportunity to join CPESN.

Guidance on a New York State Law Regarding Family Planning Products

PSSNY has recently received a communication from the New York Attorney General's Health Care Bureau (the "NY AG") about a state law passed in 2019 which took effect on January 1, 2020 regarding contraceptive medications. The statute is known as the Comprehensive Contraception Coverage Act (CCCA), which became effective on January 1, 2020. The CCCA requires that health plans cover contraceptives without **deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or any other cost-sharing requirements and prohibits any restrictions or delays on coverage, such as pre-authorizations**. Furthermore, the CCCA also requires that plans cover a 12-month contraceptive supply to be dispensed by pharmacies at one time. It seems that the NY AG believes that some New York consumers have not been able to obtain a 12-month supply of contraceptives (dispensed at one time) from their participating pharmacy. Given the valuable and important role pharmacists play in patient care and advocacy, the NY AG is asking for feedback regarding compliance by the various health plans in New York State with this state law. actual frontline dispenser of the contraceptives. As the CCCA's specific requirement to cover a year's supply of contraceptives is a

key women's health and family planning necessity, ensuring that women and families have uninterrupted supply to a necessary medication to prevent unwanted pregnancy. It is especially important that women are able to obtain a 12-month supply of contraception at a time when the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to threaten the health of all New Yorkers. If you find a patient is not able to obtain the full amount of such medication by a particular health plan (the plan must fit the qualifications of a New York State regulated plan) please reach out to the NY AG Health Care Bureau, and inform them of this issue. The NY AG Healthcare Bureau's Helpline phone is- 800-428-9071. Or 518-776-2480. You can also file an on line complaint by going to: https://formsnym.ag.ny.gov/OAGOnlineSubmissionForm/faces/OAGH-CHome.jsessionid=mwioYeWWbDqXQv4hjkdq7ik-WtMa_sc43siDYTEBIBybBC00iapr!-1868141527

This memo has been shared with our membership by the PSSNY Office. You can also email PSSNY at staff@pssny.org and inform them as you find any such alleged violations of the CCCA.

~Jim Schiffer