



# Fact Sheet

## Physician Group Incentive Program

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#### **About Value Partnerships**

Value Partnerships is a collection of clinically oriented initiatives among Michigan physicians, hospitals and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan that are improving clinical quality, reducing complications, controlling cost trends, eliminating errors, and improving health outcomes throughout Michigan.

#### **About The Physician Group Incentive Program**

The Physician Group Incentive Program (PGIP) began in 2005 to encourage and incentivize physicians to more effectively manage populations of patients and build an infrastructure to more robustly measure and monitor care quality. As of September 2011, 40 physician organizations (POs) across the state of Michigan representing nearly 15,000 primary care physicians and specialists are working together to improve health care for nearly 2 million Michigan Blues members. Additionally, PGIP is cultivating a healthier future for all Michigan residents by catalyzing all payer system development. Patients throughout the state, regardless of payer, benefit from the improved care processes developed through the PGIP provider community.

#### **The Michigan Urological Surgery Improvement Collaborative (MUSIC)**

##### **Overview**

In an effort to improve the quality of care provided to men with prostate cancer, BCBSM has created the Michigan Urological Surgery Improvement Collaborative (MUSIC). This professional Collaborative Quality Initiative (CQI) will create an all-payer Michigan registry that will collect data on patient demographics, cancer severity (including pathological details from needle biopsies), utilization and outcomes for radiographic staging studies, and patterns of care for both local therapies (e.g., radical prostatectomy, radiation therapy) and systemic androgen deprivation therapy. Data will be analyzed to determine the performance of each participating Michigan urology practice in comparison to peers. The MUSIC Coordinating Center will also undertake analyses designed to identify specific care components associated with better patient outcomes. Based on these analyses, MUSIC leadership will then develop strategies for the dissemination of this information to participating providers in efforts to implement best practices in local communities. Ultimately the Initiative aims to disseminate findings to the broader Michigan healthcare community.

##### **Objectives**

- Improve patterns of care in the radiographic staging of men with newly-diagnosed prostate cancer
- Reduce variation in the discretionary use of androgen deprivation therapy
- Improve patient-centered decision making among men considering local therapy for early-stage prostate cancer

##### **Incentive Design**

BCBSM is providing participation payments to assist participants in initiating and staffing this project. The payment model is designed to cover data abstraction costs and start-up costs in Year 1.



## Participation Criteria

- All practice members must be participants in BCBSM's Physician Group Incentive Program.
- All practice members must be affiliated with a PGIP Physician Organization.
- The practice must evaluate at least 50 adult men with prostate cancer annually.

## Evaluation

In the first year, our evaluation efforts will focus primarily on measures of practice engagement and participation.

## Results

Results are to be determined and will be reported in future updates.

Questions about the MUSIC Initiative?

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