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Measure Highlight: Chronic Disease Focus





Agenda

- 1) Background & Objectives
- 2) Measure Descriptions
 - a) What counts for HEDIS®
- 3) Sharing Best Practices
- 4) Open Discussion



Objectives

- > At the end of this webinar, you will be able to:
 - ▶ Have a better understanding of the measure expectations.
 - Identify best and promising practices that can be used in your clinics.
 - Increase understanding of the impact of implicit bias on chronic disease care



Icebreaker

Word cloud: What is something you do to support your health every day?







Why Chronic Disease Care?

Quality

- DHCS Quality Strategy Goal: Focus on and address disparities to support the treatment of hypertension, diabetes, and asthma
- Cost effectiveness, reduce disease burden
- Quality performance metrics

People

- In Alameda County:
 - Nearly 30% of adults have hypertension
 - ▶ 9.2% of adults have diabetes
 - ▶ 18.5% of adults and 6.9% of kids and teens have asthma
- Quality of life, patient-centered care, access to support structures that lead to healthier lives





Role of Implicit Bias in Chronic Disease Treatment

Implicit bias can have an impact on medical decision making, communication, adherence to medical advice and provider-patient interactions.

- Implicit biases based on race, gender, sexual orientation, weight, health insurance and other group identifications can affect how healthcare providers interact with patients in several ways:
- the quality of the clinical interview
- the diagnostic decision-making
- symptom management

- treatment recommendations
- referrals to specialty care
- interpersonal behaviors trust, communication, empathy, etc.
- Practice from a stance of dignity and respect: inclusion, view people as individuals, build partnerships, focus on empathy and building trust

Measure Descriptions

Definitions, what counts for HEDIS®, and Best & Promising Practices





Controlling High Blood Pressure





Controlling High Blood Pressure (CBP)

- Percentage of adults, 18-85 years of age, who had a diagnosis of hypertension and whose blood pressure was adequately controlled (<140/90 mm Hg) during the measurement year.</p>
- > Inclusion in measure:
 - Members who had at least two (2) outpatient visits on different dates of service with a diagnosis of hypertension on or between January 1 of the prior measurement year and June 30 of the current measurement year.



What counts for HEDIS?

- ▶ Members are compliant if their most recent BP reading is less than 140/90.
- The BP reading must occur on or after the date of a **second** outpatient or telehealth visit with a diagnosis of hypertension in the measurement year.
 - Acceptable readings can also be taken from subsequent visits where HTN is not specifically addressed.
- If there are multiple BP measurements on the same date of service, the lowest systolic and lowest diastolic values are used.
 - Ex: 1st reading is 142/85, 2nd reading is 138/87
 - → Reported value would be 138/85





BP Reading Specifications

Accepted

- Readings taken by the member using a digital device and documented in the record.
 - Include the date the reading was taken.
- Readings reported as an "average BP" with a distinct numeric result for both the systolic and diastolic BP.
 - ▶ Reading 1: 142/87
 - ▶ Reading 2: 138/83
 - Average BP: 140/85
- CPT Category II informational codes

Not Accepted

- Readings taken during an acute inpatient setting or an emergency department (ED).
- Readings taken on the same day as a test or procedure that requires a change in diet or medication on or one day before.
 - **Exception**: fasting blood tests.
- Readings reported as a range or threshold.
 - "Patient BP was elevated (AHA 120-129/<80)"</p>
 - Patient states BP is usually between 130-135/80-85"



Average BP – Additional note

Medical record documentation

- ▶ If a patient has two BP readings during a visit, it's best to document both readings and not just document the average.
 - ▶ The average is acceptable, however there may be circumstances where the lowest systolic and lowest diastolic values are compliant, but the average of the two readings is not, resulting in a noncompliant BP rate.
 - If using CPT II codes, the recommendation is the same. Send the CPT II code for the lowest systolic and lowest diastolic readings rather than the average.



Key Best Practices

- Ensure patients have access to validated electronic devices to take their blood pressure at home. Members with a missing or incomplete reading are considered noncompliant.
- Train and re-train all staff in proper blood pressure measurement technique:
 - Proper patient positioning and cuff placement.
 - Allow the patient to rest before taking the reading.
 - ▶ Take a second reading after 5 minutes or at the end of the appointment if blood pressure is elevated.
- Utilize CPT II reporting codes if electronic readings cannot be stored and reported into AAH system



Glycemic Status Assessment for Patients with Diabetes



Glycemic Status Assessment for Patients with Diabetes (GSD)



- ► The percentage of members 18–75 years of age with diabetes (types 1 and 2) whose most recent HbA1c or GMI during the measurement year is less than 8% or greater than 9%
- ▶ Inclusion in the measure: One of two methods
 - Members who had at least two (2) outpatient visits on different dates of service during the measurement year or the year prior.
 - Members who were dispensed insulin or hypo/antihyperglycemics and have at least one diagnosis of diabetes during the measurement year or the year prior.



Rate calculations

- ➤ Two rates are reported for this measure: below 8% (control) or greater than 9% (poor control)
 - The poor control rate (>9%) is a **reverse** measure: a **lower rate is better**
 - →This rate is on the DHCS MCAS
 - ▶ The most recently reported HbA1c or GMI determines which rate the member falls into

Measure Sort	Measure Description	EP	Num	Rate
GSD1	Glycemic Status <8.0%	3,902	779	19.96%
GSD2	Glycemic Status >9.0%	3,902	2,926	74.99%



Lab Value Specifications

Accepted

- Lab reports with a distinct numeric result.
- Member-collected samples that are sent to a lab for processing.
- Member-reported results of a previous lab test documented in a progress note.
 - Patient reports A1c level was 6.3 on 5/28/2024."

Not Accepted

- Self-reported home tests.
- Lab values reported as a range or threshold.
 - ► "A1c in normal range (<5.7%)
 - ▶ "A1c above 14%"



Key Best Practices

- Ensure all members with a diabetes diagnosis have a <u>current year</u> HbA1c or GMI recorded. Members with a missing value are considered noncompliant.
- POC A1c tests should be coded as labs: CPT 83036 or 83037 and should include CPT II codes to report the value
- Workflows: Stratify diabetic population based on HbA1c value or medication changes



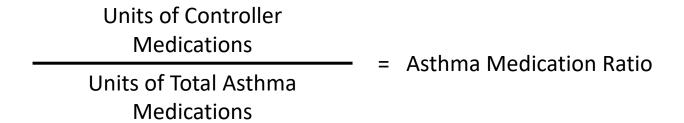
Asthma Medication Ratio





Asthma Medication Ratio (AMR)

- ► The percentage of members 5–64 years of age with persistent asthma and had a ratio of controller medications to total asthma medications of 0.50 or greater during the measurement year
 - ▶ I.e., members should fill <u>controller</u> medications at a higher rate than <u>reliever</u> medications





Inclusion in the Measure

- Members are included in the measure if they meet at least one of the following criteria in the current and previous measurement years
 - At least one ED visit with a principal diagnosis of asthma.
 - At least <u>one acute inpatient</u> discharge with a principal diagnosis of asthma.
 - At least <u>four outpatient visits</u> with any diagnosis of asthma and at least <u>two asthma medication dispensing</u> events.
 - At least <u>four asthma medication dispensing</u> events for any controller or reliever medication.
- Members are excluded from the measure if they had no asthma medications dispensed during the measurement year.





What counts for HEDIS? Units of Medication

- One medication unit is equal to:
 - One inhaler
 - One injection
 - One 30-day supply of oral medication
 - → For prescriptions longer than 30 days, divide the total by 30
 - →A 90-day supply would be counted as 3 units (90/30=3)
- Multiple prescriptions for different medications dispensed on the same day count as separate dispensing events
- SMART therapy medications (Dulera, Symbicort, Breyna) count as controllers



AMR best practices

- Conduct academic detailing to understand prescribing patterns; educate providers on prescribing best practices.
- Educate patients on the difference between a reliever and a controller medication; ensure patients fill and use controllers.

Sharing Best Practices

Presenter







We would appreciate your feedback on today's webinar:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ABCsOfQI2





Discussion & Questions

- What are the biggest barriers to capturing blood pressure readings in the chart?
- If you're not already using A1c POC testing, what challenges do you face in implementation?
- What are some of the main drivers for your patients not filling asthma controller medications?
- What additional resources do you need to help your patients with managing their health?

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Quality Improvement Measure Highlight Webinars



Cancer Prevention

<u>Date</u>: Wednesday, May 7, 2025

12:00pm-1:00pm

Registration: Sign-Up Now!

Women's Reproductive Health

Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2025

12:00pm-1:00pm

Registration: Sign-Up Now!

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Thanks!

You can contact us at:



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Resources

Resources from the Alliance





HTN CPT Category II Reporting

CPT Cat II Code Description	Numerator Compliance	CPT Cat II Code
Systolic Less Than 130	Systolic compliant	3074F
Systolic Between 130-139	Systolic compliant	3075F
Systolic Greater Than or	Systolic not compliant	3077F
Equal to 140		
Diastolic Less Than 80	Diastolic compliant	3078F
Diastolic Between 80-89	Diastolic compliant	3079F
Diastolic Greater Than or	Diastolic not compliant	3080F
Equal to 90		

Note: CPT Cat II codes are not reimbursable. They are informational only.



HTN Best Practices

- Ensure patients have access to validated electronic devices to take their blood pressure at home. Provide a log or facilitate remote monitoring to track daily rates.
- ▶ Educate patients on the correct way to take their own blood pressure, including waiting after consuming caffeine or being physically active.
- Train all staff in proper blood pressure measurement technique:
 - Proper patient positioning and cuff placement.
 - ▶ Allow the patient to rest before taking the reading.
 - ▶ Take a second reading after 5 minutes or at the end of the appointment if blood pressure is elevated.
- Act rapidly to start or intensify treatment with medication.
- Provide education and resources for lifestyle management: exercise, diet, medications, etc.



Diabetes CPT Category II Reporting

CPT Cat II Code Description	CPT Cat II Code
Most recent hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) level less than 7.0%	3044F
Most recent hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) level greater than or equal to 7.0% and less than 8.0%	3051F
Most recent hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) level greater than or equal to 8.0% and less than or equal to 9.0%	3052F
Most recent hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) level greater than 9.0%	3046F

Note: CPT Cat II codes are not reimbursable. They are informational only.

GSD Additional Details:What counts for HEDIS?



- Documentation in the medical record must indicate the date the test was performed and the result.
 - Lab test descriptions or names must clearly indicate what the test is for: A1c, GHBA1c, Glycated A1c or Glycated Hemoglobin, POC A1c, POL A1c, etc.
 - → A1c results with a procedure code alone are not acceptable. There must be an A1c test descriptor: ex. 83036 Glycated hemoglobin test.
- POC A1c tests should be coded as labs: CPT 83036 or 83037 and should include CPT II codes to report the value
- ▶ For GMI values, document the date range used to derive the value. The last date in the range is used as the assessment date.



Supplemental Data for POC A1c Tests

- ▶ The Alliance will accept supplemental data for point of care A1c test results
- ➤ The Alliance will provide an Excel template for data submission. Required fields include:
 - Member First Name
 - Member Last Name
 - Member DOB
 - POC A1c Test Date
 - Test Result Date
 - A1c Value
- Data must be electronically extracted from EMR system. Data manually input into the spreadsheet will not be accepted.
- Data will need to pass multiple rounds of Primary Source Verification (PSV)
- ▶ Deadline to submit data for Measurement Year 2025 is 1/15/2026.
- Questions: contact DeptQITeam@alamedaalliance.org



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Diabetes Best Practices

- Ensure all members with a diabetes diagnosis have a <u>current year</u> HbA1c or GMI recorded.
- Schedule diabetes-only visits.
- Refer to support groups to manage lifestyle changes (see resources section).
- Review practice-wide medication prescribing patterns to assess for therapeutic inertia (see citations slide).
- Workflows: Stratify diabetic population based on HbA1c value or medication changes

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AMR Rate Calculation

- This is the formula used to determine a member's medication ratio and the overall compliance rate.
 - Step 1 For each member, count the units of asthma controller medications dispensed during the measurement year. Refer to the definition of *Units of medications*.
 - Step 2 For each member, count the units of asthma reliever medications dispensed during the measurement year. Refer to the definition of *Units of medications*.
 - Step 3 For each member, sum the units calculated in step 1 and step 2 to determine units of total asthma medications.
 - Step 4 For each member, calculate the ratio of controller medications to total asthma medications using the following formula. Round (using the 0.5 rule) to the nearest whole number.

Units of Controller Medications (step 1)
Units of Total Asthma Medications (step 3)

Step 5 Sum the total number of members who have a ratio of ≥0.50 in step 4.





Medication Ratio Examples

Units of Controller Medications

= Asthma Medication Ratio

Goal = 0.50 or greater

Units of Total Asthma Medications

Patient 1	Patient 2
Qvar inhaler (controller) Filled on 1/8, 3/12, and 5/24: 3 units	Singulair (controller) Filled on 2/17, 4/12, 5/20, 7/22, 8/24, 9/24, 10/25, 11/26, and 12/27: 9 units
Albuterol inhaler (reliever) Filled on 1/8, 2/7, 3/12, 5/24, and 6/23: 5 units	Albuterol inhaler (reliever) Filled on 2/17, 5/20, 9/24, and 11/26: 4 units
3 controller + 5 reliever = 8 total Ratio: 3/8 = 0.38	9 controller + 4 reliever = 13 total Ratio: 9/13 = 0.69

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Health Education

- **Patient Health & Wellness Education:**
 - ▶ Live Healthy Library; Wellness Program & Materials Request Form
- Diabetes prevention programs
 - Yumlish: Provider or clinic referral only
- Alliance disease management programs:
 - Living Your Best Life: Adult members with asthma, diabetes, and high blood pressure
 - Happy Lungs: Pediatric members with asthma
- Tobacco cessation
 - ► Members: Quit Smoking Alameda Alliance for Health
 - Providers: <u>Tobacco Provider Guide Alameda Alliance for Health</u>



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Transportation Benefit

Alameda Alliance for Health **Medi-Cal Transportation Benefit**



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- 2. Non-emergency medical

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- · Pick up prescriptions and
- · Travel to and from a med

The Alliance NMT benefit cover a medical appointment.

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Non-Emergency Medical Transportation

Non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) is fo appointment (medical, dental, mental health, or sub NMT level of service.

NEMT uses the following levels of service:

- Air transport Litter/gurney van Ambulance
 - Wheelchair van

The doctor must complete and submit the Physician Co NEMT request. After the form is sent to the Alliano the number below. The PCS Form can be four

Scheduling

Please schedule the ride reques appointments, please call

If you are...

An Alliance member

An Alliance provider calling on behalf of an Alliance member

An Alliance provider who needs to report real-time concerns

Toll-Free: 1.866.529.2128 Toll-Free Escalation Line: 1.866.779.0569

To schedule a ride, Alliance members can also download and use the Modivcare App from Google Play® or the Apple App Store® on a smartphone or tablet.

Please call the Alliance Member Services Department Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm Phone Number: 1.510.747.4567 • Toll-Free: 1.877.932.2738 People with hearing and speaking impairments (CRS/TTY): 711/1.800.735.2929 www.alamedaalliance.org

Scheduling

Please schedule the ride request at least three (3) business days before the appointment. For urgent appointments, please call as soon as possible. Please have the Alliance member ID card ready when you call.

If you are	Phone Number
An Alliance member	Toll-Free: 1.866.791.4158
An Alliance provider calling on behalf of an Alliance member	Toll-Free: 1.866.529.2128
An Alliance provider who needs to report real-time concerns	Toll-Free Escalation Line: 1.866.779.0569

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Interpreter Services



Telephonic

- Available 24/7
- To access, call 1.510.809.3986
 - Refer to the <u>Alliance</u> <u>Interpreter Services Guide</u> for your Pin Number.
- ▶ For deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired, call the California Relay Service (CRS) at 711.

Prescheduled Telephonic and Video

- Available for hard-to-reach languages
- Interpreter Service Request Form is required (5 business days prior to an appointment)

In-person

- Available when the following situations are present:
 - American Sign Language (ASL) for the deaf or hard of hearing
 - Complex procedures or courses of therapy
 - Abuse or sexual assault issues
- End-of-life issues
- Interpreter Service Request Form is required (5 business days prior to an appointment)
- Request form may be submitted by:
 - Alliance Provider Portal
 - **Fax** at 1.855.891.9167

For more information on how to submit a request and interpreter services, visit the Alliance website at:

www.alamedaalliance.org/language-access.

Reports

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Gap in Care Lists

- HEDIS Measures
- Initial Health Appointment (IHA)
- Emergency Department Utilization

Project Support

Quality Improvement Team

- Project Management
 - Contact: <u>DeptQITeam@alamedaalliance.org</u>

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Citations

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- BP Average Calculator
 https://www.ama-assn.org/node/27271
- The Role of Implicit Bias and Culture in Managing or Navigating Healthcare https://www.hss.edu/conditions_role-implicit-bias-culture-managing-navigating-healthcare



ALAMEDA ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH WEBINAR CHRONIC CARE MEASURES: DIABETES & HYPERTENSION

April 17th, 2025



QUALITY IMPROVEMENT: WORKFLOWS

Patient Outreach

Targeted outreach campaigns

Various modes of outreach

Remote Patient Monitoring Programs

* BPAH – HTN

** RPM (GOJJI) - HTN and DM

Patient Education

Educational materials/flyers

Events to increase awareness

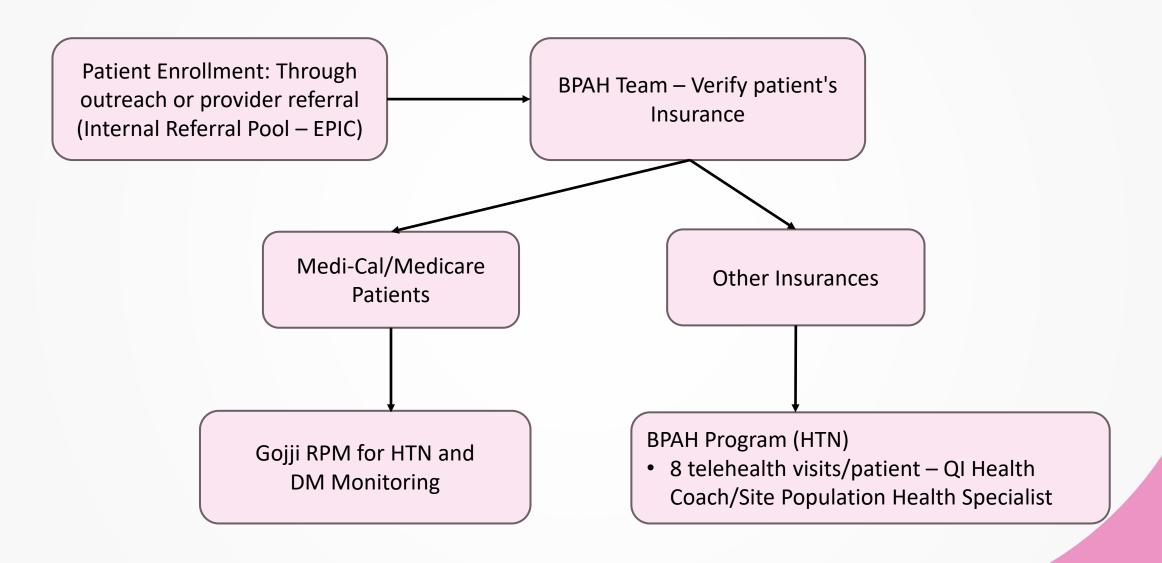
Major Barriers: Accessibility and lack of awareness

^{*}Blood Pressure at Home Program

^{**}Remote Patient Monitoring



RPM WORKFLOW





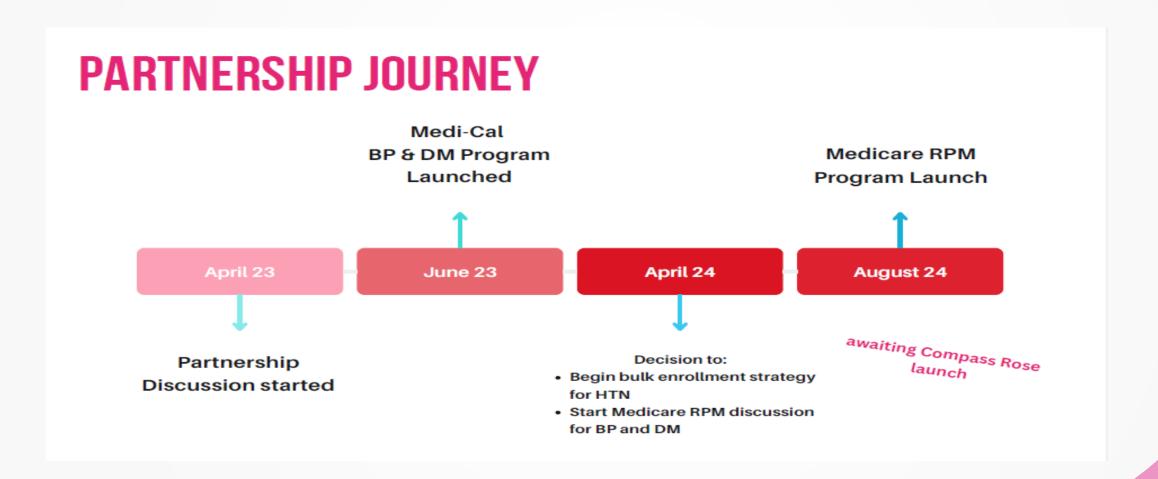
BLOOD PRESSURE AT HOME PROGRAM

BPAH Enrollments (Since November 2020 – March 2025	1390
BPAH Outreach Data	Total Outreached: 4794 48% Connected with Post Outreach 22.4% Declined 66% Enrollment Post-Connection
BPAH – Completed 4 Visits	68%
BP Control by 4th Visit	59%
BPAH – Completed 8 Visits	36%
BP Control by 8th Visit	61%



RPM PARTNERSHIP JOURNEY







RPM DATA: HTN AND DM

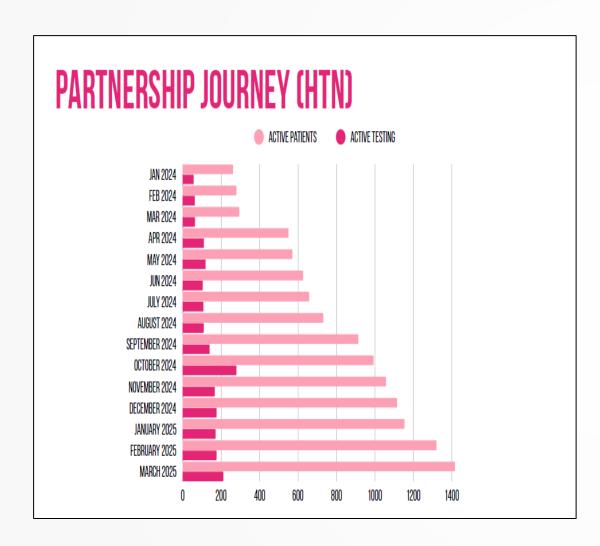


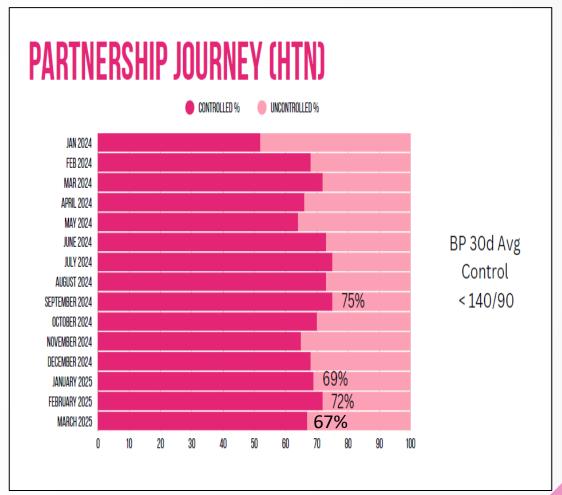
RPM – Gojji Enrollments (June 2023 – March 2025)	HTN: 1,414 DM: 607
Gojji Controlled Definition	HTN: Avg < 140/90 DM: eA1c < 8
% Controlled	HTN: 67% DM: 75%
% Uncontrolled	HTN: 33% DM: 25%







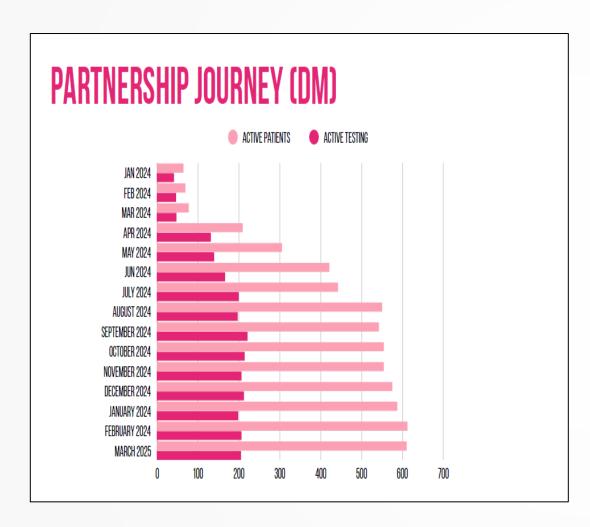


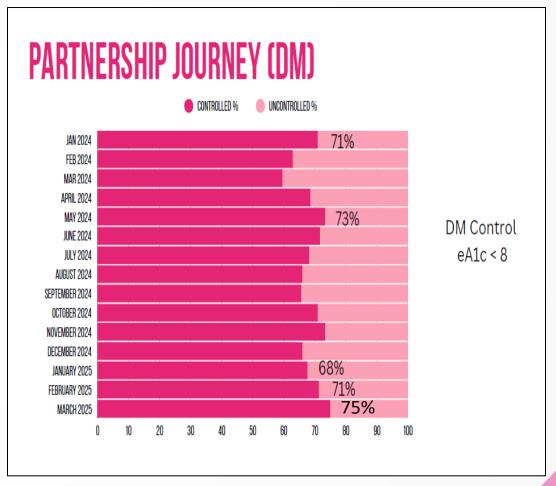






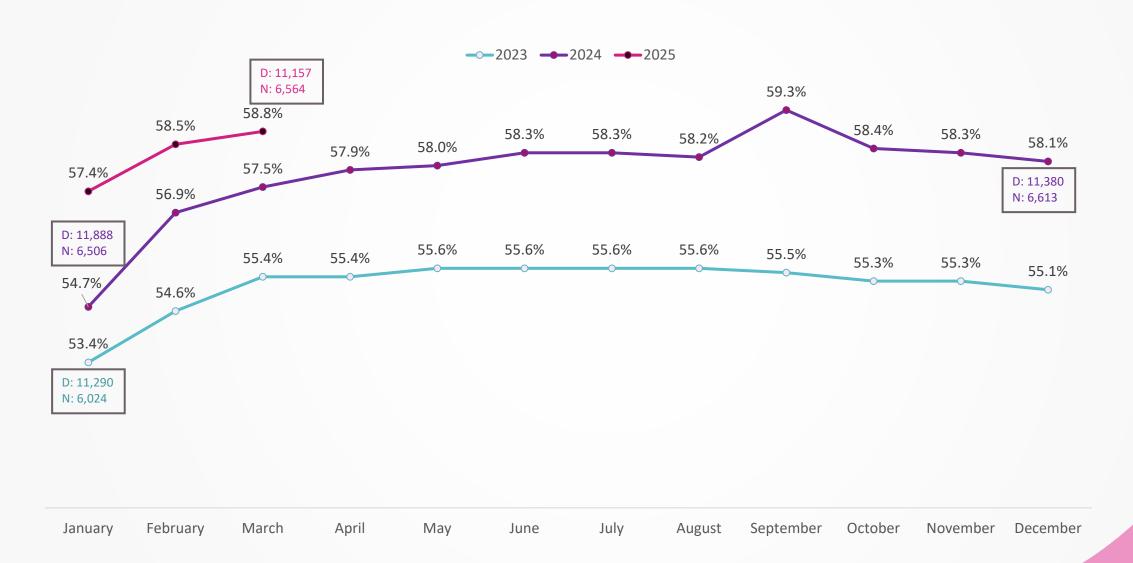








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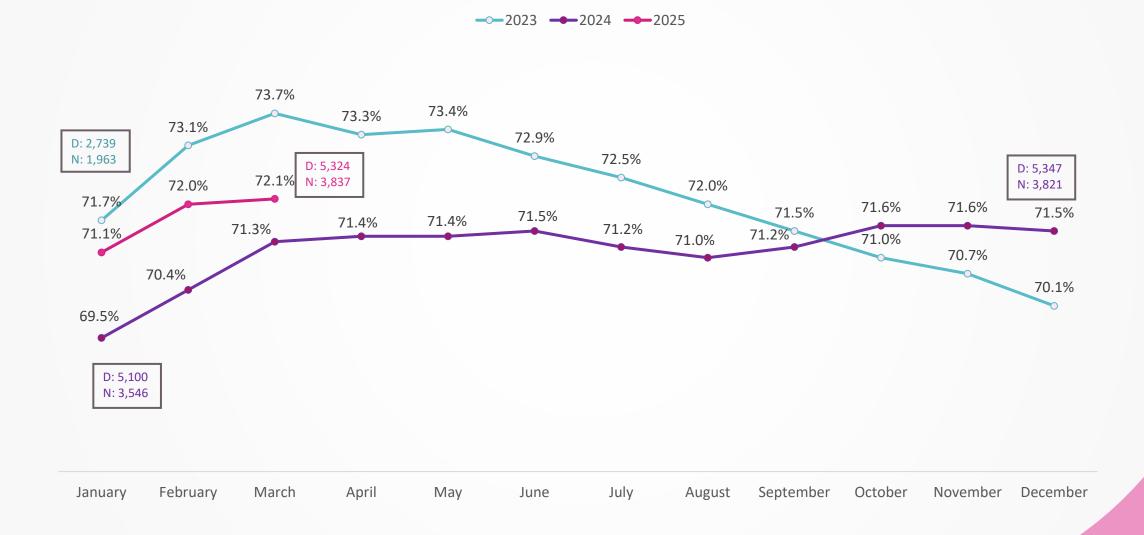


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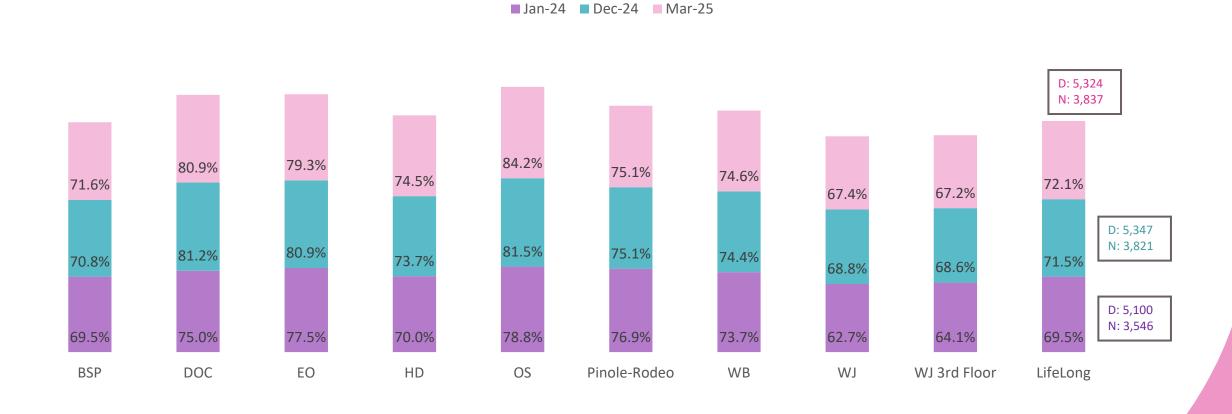


PERFORMANCE RATE: DIABETES





DIABETES PERFORMANCE RATE BY SITES





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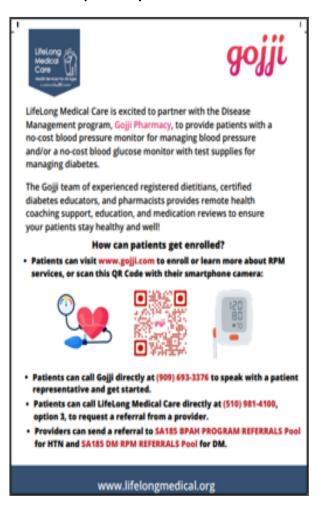


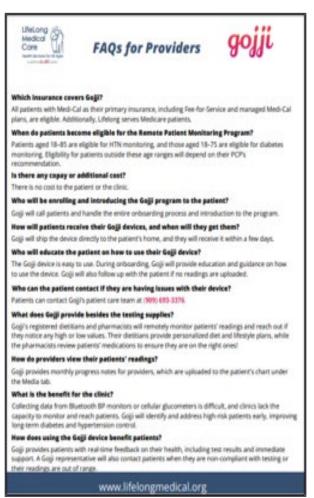


PATIENT AND PROVIDER FLYERS: GOJJI



- Flyers created in English and Spanish
 - Information about Gojji
 - Frequently Asked Questions for Patients and Providers

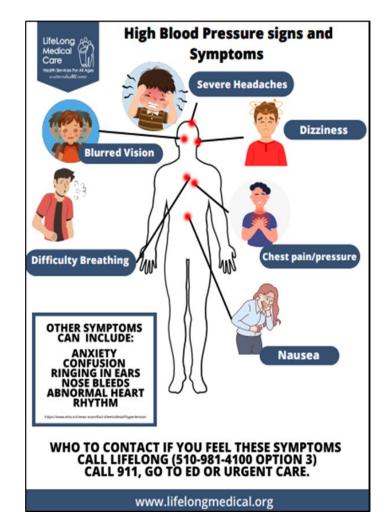


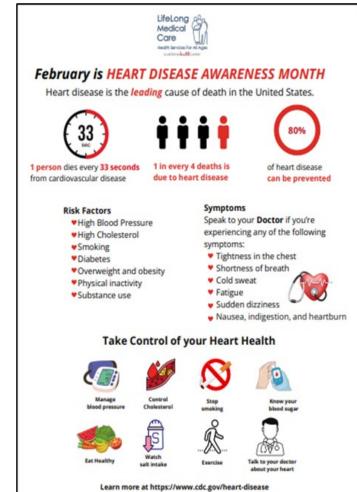


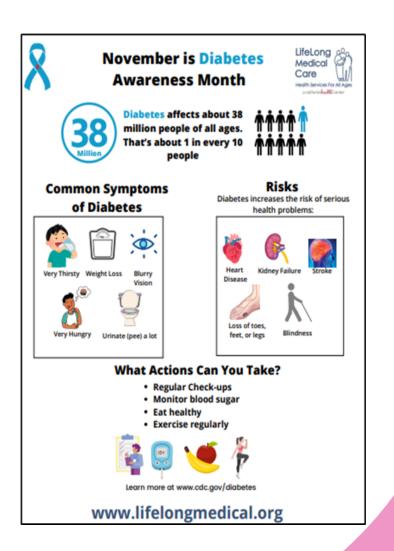




PATIENT EDUCATION MATERIALS









2025 QUALITY IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

- Reengagement through targeted outreach for Gojji enrolled patients (HTN/DM Program):
 - Stratify patients into 3 categories for outreach (patient incentives)
 - Not actively testing for 3 months: BP readings or BG readings or eA1C readings
 - Not actively testing for 6 months: BP readings or BG readings or eA1C readings
 - Not actively testing for >6 months: BP readings or BG readings or eA1C readings
- Educational awareness campaigns using flyers
 - Reminders to patients to send their blood pressure readings/blood glucose readings
 - Patient enrollment to RPM programs and about the benefits of timely health checks.
- OCHIN EPIC Integration



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