

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island (BCBSRI) is inviting you to a virtual Provider Medical Expense Trend Summit (MET) on June 9, 2021 from 5:30-8 p.m.

Our MET Program is designed to find innovative ways to reduce unnecessary medical costs through the identification, oversight, execution and monitoring of savings opportunities while maintaining or improving the overall quality of patient care. In 2021, our MET team is focused on reducing hospital readmissions, in collaboration with our network providers, by continuing to improve transitions across the various settings of care. You are invited to participate in this Summit, and to submit an idea for a program that supports our readmission reduction work. BCBSRI and the winners selected will then collaborate on a deeper analysis and possible implementation of the proposed initiative.

This will be our second “Provider MET Summit” and here’s what two past presenters have said about their participation:

“Participating in the Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island Provider MET Summit was a great experience for me. I was honored to be chosen for the Summit, and the collegial environment in which I was able to present my work was superb. Interacting with people both within and outside BCBSRI helped me see how we are all excited about the same thing – improving the health of Rhode Islanders.”

-Donald R. Murphy, DC, FRCC

“Being a winner of the BCBSRI MET Summit has allowed me to build a quality improvement program that provides essential information to clinicians on safe prescribing for older adults and build the data infrastructure to increase the safety of our patient care. I highly recommend applying if you are a clinician who has a vision for a safer, less costly, and more patient-centered healthcare system. BCBSRI proved to be a great partner – they helped promote our work, ensured it reached the patients who were most likely to benefit, and provided support with project management and analysis.”

-Elizabeth Goldberg, MD, Emergency Medicine

Again, our specific objective for the June 9th Provider MET Summit is to identify initiatives to **reduce readmissions**.

We hope you will consider submitting a proposal or provide the opportunity to others in your practice. The submission form can be found through this link on BCBSRI.com. Proposals are due by May 6th and should be emailed to Provider Relations at ProviderRelations@bcbsri.org. A list of in-scope requirements is included in the form. All submissions will be reviewed and those that meet the in-scope requirements will be invited to present their idea at the Summit.

We understand you may have questions, so we have scheduled a webinar where you can learn more and ask questions. The webinar will take place on April 30th from 1-2 p.m. and will be hosted by Dr. Gus Manocchia. To register for this webinar, please send an email to ProviderRelations@bcbsri.org. A few days prior to the webinar you will receive an email invite from our Provider Relations team. The webinar on April 30th and the Provider MET Summit on June 9th will both be hosted via Microsoft Teams and we

encourage you to download the application for easier viewing of the presentations. If you have any additional questions regarding the Provider MET Summit, please contact Caron Shores at Caron.Shores@BCBSRI.org.

Thank you for your continued partnership with BCBSRI. We value our collaborative efforts and our shared mission of improving the health of Rhode Islanders.