

Northeast Georgia Health Partners **PARTNERS PRESS**

Welcome

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1 Welcome New Practitioners

Please join us in welcoming the following practitioners to the Health Partners Network.

Riyadh Al-Rubaye, MD – Inpatient Medicine; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group

Maher Astwani, MD – Inpatient Neurology, Northeast Georgia Physicians Group

Kolawole Atandeyi, MD –Critical Care Medicine; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group

Zachary Balest, MD – Ophthalmology; Gainesville Eye Associates

Mark Bombulie, MD – Anesthesiology; Anesthesia Associates of Gainesville

Jeh-Wei Cheng, MD—Cardiovascular Disease; The Heart Center of Northeast Georgia Medical Center

Julie Daniel, DO –Inpatient Medicine; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group

Laura Divoky, MD –Cardiovascular Disease; The Heart Center of Northeast Georgia Medical Center

Ashley Drew, CRNA—Anesthesiology; Anesthesia Associates of Gainesville

Sara Dunbar, DO - Inpatient Medicine; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group

Mary- Ann Fares, MD - Inpatient Neurology, Northeast Georgia Physicians Group

Donald Ford, MD- Inpatient Medicine, Northeast Georgia Physicians Group

Prasad S Garimella, MD –Critical Care Medicine; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group

Lisa Gillespe, MD –Inpatient Medicine; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group

James Granger, MD –General Practice; Commerce Urgent Care and Family Practice

Jeremy Grant, MD –Obstetrics and Gynecology; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group

Philip Gross, MD – Inpatient Medicine; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group

Trey Gunter, MD –Family Medicine; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group

Randall Hanson, DPM – Podiatry; Ankle & Foot Centers of Georgia

Laura Heringer, MD –Internal Medicine; The Hospital Authority of Habersham County dba Habersham Medical Group

Heather Holstein, MD—Emergency Medicine; Gainesville Emergency Department Services

Jaymin Jhaveri, MD – Radiation Oncology; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group

John John, MD - Inpatient Medicine; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group

Michael Jones, MD –Radiology; The Longstreet Clinic, PC

Derek Klemm, DO – Family Medicine; MedLink Habersham

Samantha Ledbetter, FNP – Family Medicine; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group

Nancy Maignan, MD - Inpatient Medicine; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group

Achenef Melese, MD –Inpatient Medicine; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group

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Please Remember...



Health Partners requests that your office notify us in writing prior to the effective date of any demographic changes that occur with your providers or practice.

Please submit updates through the Health Partners website at

www.healthpartnersnetwork.com or by email to Provider.Relations@nghs.com.



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Should you have any questions or comments please call 770.219.6600.

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New Practitioners Continued

Yonathan Negewo, MD—Inpatient Medicine; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group
Matthew Newcomb, MD - Inpatient Medicine; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group
Connie Osorio, MD - Obstetrics and Gynecology; The Longstreet Clinic, PC
Niraj Parikh, MD – Vascular Surgery; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group
Gina Parris, MFT – Counseling; Gina Parris LMFT, LLC
Dena Patel, FNP – Family Medicine; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group
Piyushkumar Patel, MD – Family Medicine; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group
Sunny Patel, DO - Inpatient Medicine; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group
Tejal Patel, DO –Inpatient Medicine; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group
Chance Perry, AGACNP – Trauma Surgery; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group
Donovan Philbrick, DO Inpatient Medicine; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group
Ariosto Rosado, MD – Critical Care Medicine; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group
Alison Ruch, MD – Emergency Medicine; Gainesville Emergency Department Services
Zaid Said, MD – Cardiovascular Disease; The Heart Center of Northeast Georgia Medical Center
Tonya Scott, AGACNP – Trauma Surgery; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group
Patti Shipp, LPC – Counseling; Integrated Counseling, Inc.
Stephanie Simmons, DO - Obstetrics and Gynecology; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group
Jessica Snyder, DO – Family Medicine; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group
Anny Sosebee, FNP – Pediatrics; The Longstreet Clinic, PC
Ashton Townsend, DO - Inpatient Medicine; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group
Sreedevi Veluvarti Venkata, MD – Endocrinology; Northeast Georgia Diagnostic Clinic
Scott Wachtel, DO - Inpatient Medicine; Northeast Georgia Physicians Group
Jonathan Wood, MD – Pediatrics; The Longstreet Clinic, PC
Drew Xenos, DPM – Podiatry; Ankle & Foot Centers of Georgia

Office Relocations and Changes

James Mullin, PsyD with **Northeast Georgia Physicians Group** has relocated to 1315 Jesse Jewell Parkway, Suite 300, Gainesville, GA 30501.

Robert Goldmann, MD and Donna Moss, LCSW with **Northeast Georgia Physicians Group Palliative Care** have relocated to 1211 Sherwood Park Drive, Suite B, Gainesville, GA 30501.

Amy Thomason, FNP with **Northeast Georgia Physicians Group** has added a new location at 108 Prominence Court Suite 200, Dawsonville, GA 30532.

Renee Kimball, MD with **Northeast Georgia Physicians Group** has retired from direct patient care as of 9-30-18, but will remain as part of NGHS IT.

Sudhakara Chennareddy, MD with **The Heart Center of Northeast Georgia Medical Center** has added a new location at 4445 South Lee Street, Suite 300, Buford, GA 30518.

Bradley Auffarth, MD with **The Longstreet Longstreet Clinic, PC** has added a new location at 23 Tipton Drive, Dahlonega, GA 30533.

Jody Bahnmler, MD, Amy Bailey, MD, Leslie David, MD, Darrell Scales, MD and Nathan Marsh, PA with **Northeast Georgia Physicians Group** have added a new location at 1315 Jesse Jewell Parkway, Suite 300, Gainesville, GA 30501.

Amanda Wallace, PA with **The Longstreet Clinic, PC** has added a new location at 1270 Friendship Road, Braselton, GA 30517.

Eileen Javellana, MD; Miguel del Mazo, MD and Robert Richard, MD with **The Longstreet Clinic, PC - Bariatric Surgery** have added 1270 Friendship Road, Braselton, GA 30517 as a service address.

MedLink Gainesville has relocated their office to 520 Jesse Jewell Parkway SE, Gainesville, GA 30501. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Syed Zaidi, Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed and Dr. Maria Alban, call 770.287.0290.

Marsha Stringer, AGACNP with **The Longstreet Clinic, PC** now sees patients at Northeast Georgia Medical Center Gainesville at 743 Spring Street NE, Gainesville, GA 30501 and Braselton at 1400 River Place, Braselton, GA 30517.

Health Partners Contract News

New Employer Contracts:

Big Creek Foods, LLC, 8-01-18

New Facility Providers:

Alliance Prosthetics and Orthotics, 07-13-18

Ability Pediatric Therapy, 08-20-18

Helping Hands Pediatric Therapy, 08-20-18

Medical Park Pharmacy, (**DME only**), 9-27-18

The Following Facility is no Longer a Health Partners participating provider:

Gainesville Foot and Ankle Surgery Center, 7-25-18

The Following Practitioners no Longer Participate With Health Partners

<u>Provider</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Susan Traxler, MD	02-28-18
Brett Baudin, MD	04-30-18
Dawit Antonios, MD	07-16-18
Oliver Archibald, MD	07-20-18
Subhose Bathina, MD	07-24-18
Syed Raza, MD	08-01-18
Lorinda Cruz, MD	08-10-18
Justin Mitchell, MD	08-21-18
Sunny Onuigbo, MD	08-21-18
Laurence So, MD	08-21-18
Samuel Rotimi, MD	08-21-18
Cheryl Glover, CPNP	08-25-18
Muhammad Abdulrahman, MD	09-10-18
Bamidele Ajibola, MD	09-10-18
Vinutha Atmakur, MD	09-10-18
Abdul-Faisal Akesode, MD	09-10-18
Abdul Chaudhry, MD	09-10-18
Mitesh Desai, MD	09-10-18
Robert Dorton Jr, MD	09-10-18
Anthonia Ekpenike, MD	09-10-18
Nicole Fobi-Nunga, MD	09-10-18
Ayodeji George, MD	09-10-18
Eunice Hama, MD	09-10-18
Ronald Liu, MD	09-10-18
Milka Martinez Arache, MD	09-10-18
Syed Nabi, MD	09-10-18
Omolola Omotoso, MD	09-10-18
Archana Parthasarathi, MD	09-10-18
Jaymin Patel, MD	09-10-18
Samuel Teniola, MD	09-10-18
Ahmad Abdussalam, MD	09-14-18

News You Can Use

Health Partners Lunch and Learn

On Friday, November 9th, Health Partners is hosting a lunch and learn with speaker Reese Daniel from Twin Lakes Recovery Center. The program will begin at 12:00 pm at the Auxiliary Conference Room inside the Northeast Georgia Medical Center's Gainesville Campus. Seating is limited, so please reserve your seat today and learn about Twin Lakes Recovery Center admissions and services. Please RSVP by 10/22/2018 to Nicole Drake at 770.219.9784 or by email to Nicole.Drake@nghs.com.

Understanding HCCs and Risk Adjustment

Northeast Georgia Health Partners ACO/HP2 is sponsoring an educational presentation for Physicians, Advanced Practice Providers, Coders, CDI and Billing Staff about HCC coding. The date is October 30th with 2 sessions located at the Lanier Park Learning Lab, 678 White Sulphur Road, Gainesville at 12:00 and 6:00 pm. Please RSVP by 10/26/2018 to Lisa McDowell at 770.219.6610 or by email to Lisa.McDowell@nghs.com.

HP2 News

Specialty Clinic Spine Intervention is the newest group to join HP2.

HP2 is presently recruiting providers. If you would like to learn more about HP2, please contact Sandy King at Sandy.King@nghs.com.

Enter to Win!

In the Health Partners website, where would you find a copy of a previous edition of **Partners Press**? Email your answer to Nicole.Drake@nghs.com to enter a drawing for a \$50.00 gift card. Please include your name and contact information. All entries must be turned in by October 31st and the drawing will take place on Thursday, November 1st. Winner will be announced in the winter edition of **Partners Press**.

CMS Proposes to Lift Unnecessary Regulations and Ease Burden on Providers

Proposed rule driven by agency's Patients Over Paperwork initiative, expected to save U.S. healthcare facilities \$1.12 billion per year

On September 17, 2018, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced a proposed rule to relieve burden on healthcare providers by removing unnecessary, obsolete or excessively burdensome Medicare compliance requirements for healthcare facilities. Collectively, these updates would save healthcare providers an estimated \$1.12 billion annually. Taking into account policies across rules finalized in 2017 and 2018 as well as this and other proposed rules, savings are estimated at \$5.2 billion.

"We are committed to putting patients over paperwork, while at the same time increasing the quality of care and ensuring patient safety and bolstering program integrity," said CMS Administrator Seema Verma. "With this proposed rule, CMS takes a major step forward in its efforts to modernize the Medicare program by removing regulations that are outdated and burdensome. The changes we're proposing will dramatically reduce the amount of time and resources that healthcare facilities have to spend on CMS-mandated compliance activities that do not improve the quality of care, so that hospitals and healthcare professionals can focus on their primary mission: treating patients."

Many of the proposals simplify and streamline Medicare's conditions of participation, conditions for coverage, and other requirements for participation for facilities, so they can meet health and safety standards more efficiently. This proposal ensures continued protection for patient health and safety.

Experts agree that reducing unnecessary burden is critical to improving patient care. Burden hours represent the amount of time healthcare providers spend complying with federal regulations. A study published in the Annals of Internal Medicine found that for every hour providers spend seeing patients, nearly two additional hours are spent on paperwork.

Meaningful Measures

CMS has heard from providers that overly burdensome and redundant measures have taken time away from patients, which is why CMS launched the Meaningful Measures initiative. Under this initiative CMS is closely examining all measures, and proposing to eliminate ones that are outdated, are duplicative, are overly burdensome, or are not strongly linked to patient outcomes.

A recent Health Affairs study reported that U.S. physicians and their staff in four common specialties spend, on average, 15.1 hours per week and more than \$40,000 per year reporting quality measures. This equates to 785 hours per physician and more than \$15.4 billion annually. The vast majority - 81 percent - of practices reported that they now spend more effort dealing with quality measures than three years ago, and only 27 percent said current measures are representative of the quality of care.

CMS's Meaningful Measures initiative is centered on patient safety, quality of care, transparency, and ensuring that the measure sets providers are asked to report make the most sense. The modernizing proposals to advance CMS's Meaningful Measures Initiative released in eliminated 105 measures of 416 resulting in projected savings of \$178 million and an anticipated reduction of 4.6 million burden hours!

Source: <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-proposes-lift-unnecessary-regulations-and-ease-burden-providers>