Dear Provider,

In 2013, Ministry East Region (Affinity Corporate, Affinity Medical Group/Clinics, Calumet Medical Center, Mercy Medical Center, Saint Elizabeth Hospital and Network Health) will introduce enhanced prescription benefits for qualified participants enrolled in Ministry’s health plan. Participants with the specific conditions bulleted below will be considered. Participants medically compliant with the standards of care for their condition, or enrolled and participating in a disease management program, are eligible for the enhanced prescription benefits.

Participants who qualify for the enhanced benefit will be able to receive 90-day supplies of medications related to the eligible conditions at no cost. The medications will be available through Ministry Saint Joseph’s Hospital’s Outpatient Pharmacy Mail Order Program. A list of covered medications will be available on the networkhealth.com provider page. The targeted conditions are:

- Coronary Artery Disease
- Diabetes
- Hypertension
- Hyperlipidemia

Network Health’s Health Management Department will administer the condition management program. Recognizing the importance of the physician/patient relationship, we are asking participants to take the enclosed form to their physician to determine whether or not they would benefit from Network Health’s Condition Management Program.

The primary goal of the condition management program is to empower participants to improve self-management of their health conditions. Participating patients consistently increase compliance with evidence-based medicine guidelines by 20-25 percent. In addition to improved compliance with medical treatment plans, many participants increase their exercise, lose weight, reduce or quit smoking and maintain healthier eating habits.

Participants referred into this program will receive a telephonic intervention by a registered nurse who is trained in the conditions listed, as well as lifestyle risk management. Referred participants will set goals with the nurse, and will work with the nurse to monitor and self-manage their condition.

By working closely with the participant, Network Health can help ensure that participants focus on the most important care for his or her condition. This includes scheduling and keeping appointments and avoiding hospitalizations and emergency room visits. Our services are no charge to participants and include:

- Telephonic coaching by registered nurses
- Individualized assessment and goal setting
- Disease-specific education, following Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI) guidelines
- Coaching, encouragement and support to make lifestyle changes that facilitate the medical treatment plan

If you feel your patient could benefit from participating, please indicate this on the form you sign.

If you have any questions about the condition management program, please contact Renee Corral at 920-720-1659. Our normal business hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Physician Verification for Ministry Enhanced Prescription Benefits

Please take this form to the appointment with your health care provider

I have examined my patient, ____________________________, and have discussed the management of

___ Diabetes
___ Hypertension
___ Hyperlipidemia
___ Coronary Artery Disease

It is my opinion that the patient

___ has a good understanding of the disease process, is compliant with the medical treatment plan and is under good control
___ could benefit from the Network Health’s Condition Management Program for

• Education to improve understanding of the disease process
• Coaching to improve compliance with the medical treatment plan, and/or
• Coaching to facilitate lifestyle modifications that would lead to better management of the condition

Name of Health Care Provider __________________________________________________

Signature ___________________________________________   Date _______________

Once this form is completed and signed by the health care provider, please return to

Network Health, Health Promotion Department, 1570 Midway Pl., Menasha, WI  54952

Fax: 920-720-1750

Your submission of this document will be confirmed by Network Health’s Health Promotion Department. You will then receive more information about how to set up your free medications through the designated mail order program.

If you do not receive confirmation within five business days, please contact Network Health’s Health Promotion at healthpromotion@networkhealth.com.