

# MONTHLY Provider Update



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## COVID-19

### Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

As we continue to encourage people to stay home in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we understand that it is more difficult for patients to stay on track with the completion of preventive care and chronic health management services. Telehealth is a great option to offer patients continuity of care from the safety of their homes. Many Healthcare Effectiveness data and Information Set (HEDIS®) Care Gaps can be fulfilled utilizing Telehealth.

If you have any questions, please call Meridian at **866-606-3700**.



## QUALITY

### Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month! Colorectal cancer can be prevented through regular screenings for women and men 50 years of age and older and those with high risk factors. According to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), one third of adults 50 years of age and older have not been screened as recommended. There are multiple colorectal cancer screening options including:

- Colonoscopy
- Computer Tomography (CT) Colonography
- Fecal Immunochemical Test (FIT) -DNA Test
- Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT)
- Flexible Sigmoidoscopy

Talk to your patients about which screening options are right for them. For more information, visit **[cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)**.

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## OPERATIONS

### Notification of Pregnancy

On November 1, 2020, MeridianHealth introduced the Notification of Pregnancy (NOP) assessment as part of the Meridian Hugs program to better integrate care management, care coordination, and disease management to improve the health of mothers and their newborn children.

The NOP assessment and additional information can be accessed by logging on to our secure portal at **[www.mhplan.com](http://www.mhplan.com)**.

Please contact your Meridian Provider Network Management Representative with any questions or concerns.



## PHARMACY

### Affinity Patient Coordination

MeridianHealth is partnering with Affinity Patient Coordination to provide pharmacist-driven care coordination that assists members in managing their medications. Additionally, members who take six or more medications may now be able to participate in a Pill Pack Program to get their medications delivered right to their home.