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St. Anthony's Physician Organization Practices Named 'Quality Partners'

Eight offices in St. Anthony's Physician Organization have been designated "Quality Partners" by Primaris, the federally designated Medicare Quality Improvement Organization for Missouri. This recognition was awarded to 86 physician practices in the state for their commitment to improve patient care through adoption of health information technology.

The physicians' practices designated as Quality Partners include:

- Arnold Family Health Care, 3619 Richardson Square Drive, Suite 170, Arnold;
- Butler Hill Family Medicine, 4305 Butler Hill Road, Suite B;
- Fenton Family Medicine, 714 Gravois Road, Suite 210, Fenton;
- Lemay Internal Medicine, 2900 Lemay Ferry Road, Suite 208;
- Primary Care Consultants, 12700 Southfork Road, Suite 280;
- St. Anthony's Internal Medicine, 12700 Southfork Road, Suite 220;
- St. Anthony's Medical Group, 12700 Southfork Road, Suite 270;
- Telegraph Road Family Medicine, 4500 Telegraph Road.

These practices are among the early adopters of electronic health records, a technological alternative to the reams of paper charts commonly found in doctors' offices. The systems are widely touted for their ability to streamline office visits and to keep important patient information at a physician's fingertips.

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“Electronic health records will help improve the quality of care we provide our patients,” said Dave Hinkle, Executive Director of St. Anthony’s Physician Organization. “The electronic system will enable us to take care of our patients more quickly and efficiently; but even more importantly, the access to patient information and clinical support data will help physicians provide patients the best care possible.”

Primaris is a non-profit health care consulting firm that helps health care providers deliver the most efficient, highest quality of care to their patients and serves as Missouri’s federally designated Medicare Quality Improvement Organization.

Primaris assists physician practices with implementation and full utilization of electronic health records through an initiative called Doctors Office Quality Information Technology (DOQ-IT). Electronic health records help physicians improve care as they provide easier access to patient information, reduce errors and increase office efficiencies.

For more information about Primaris, visit them online at www.primaris.org.

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