

The Cherokee Nation Selects Palladian Coordinated Spine Care® (CSC) Program

Focusing on clinical excellence and patient-centric care, Palladian Health provides the industry with the utmost compelling platforms in spine care treatment.

WEST SENECA, NEW YORK; June 24, 2013 – Palladian Health® (Palladian), a prominent provider of musculoskeletal healthcare management, has entered into a contract with The Cherokee Nation—the largest tribal health system in the United States—to be the exclusive provider of musculoskeletal care management services to support its members with a unique and effective spine care program. The Palladian Coordinated Spine Care (CSC) Program utilizes evidence based clinical guidelines, patient education, care advocacy, and cognitive behavioral therapy to provide a comprehensive spine care solution for patients with back pain. The program will guide Cherokee Nation patients and providers in the assessment and treatment of spinal pain disorders by delivering the most appropriate care at the right time in their treatment pathway.

Roger Montgomery M.D., Medical Director of Cherokee Nation Health Services explains, “Back pain is one of the most frequent reasons patients see a provider in the Cherokee Nation Health System. Our providers do a great job caring for patients with back pain. Palladian Health is a healthcare management group specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of back pain. They will help our providers care for patients with back pain by providing diagnostic and treatment recommendations that will lead to more uniform treatment and improved outcomes. We’re excited about our partnership with Palladian Health and we feel confident the service they provide will be a great addition to the health care services provided by the Cherokee Nation”.

Over the past four years, the CSC Program was developed by an accomplished team of clinicians from across the United States, who today form the Palladian Health Clinical Policy Advisory Board. Palladian is focused on the integration of clinical pathways and strategies that enhance the treatment of musculoskeletal conditions. This focus is to utilize evidenced based care to ensure that patients receive the most appropriate care in order to achieve the highest level of outcomes.

According to Scott Haldeman, MD, DC, Ph.D., Chair of the Palladian Health Clinical Policy Advisory Board, “There is a significant amount of research out there on what works and what does not work for patients with back pain. Compounding this issue is that many primary care physicians feel that they do not have an adequate understanding of how to treat their back pain patients. We need to deliver clinically supported treatment recommendations to treating physicians’ real time at the point of care-when they need it most.”

Connie Davis, MSN, RN, Executive Director of Health Services of the Cherokee Nation states, “I have watched my dad suffer from chronic back pain all of my life. He continues to suffer even after more than ten back surgeries. In my experience as a Registered Nurse in the Emergency room, I have cared for many patients with chronic back pain. These patients simply have few resources to assist. We are very

excited to have this opportunity to work with Palladian Health to improve the quality of life for our patients.”

ABOUT PALLADIAN HEALTH: Palladian Health provides large and small insurers, hospital systems, and physician/employer groups with quality, integrated health programs focused on improving both clinical and economic results for the management of spine and musculoskeletal health conditions. Palladian’s unique services incorporate a collaborative approach that educates decision makers and stakeholders across an entire care cycle, supporting our mission to provide the best access for clinically excellent and affordable musculoskeletal health. Palladian currently services nearly 4 million lives nationwide in the areas of Chiropractic, Physical Therapy, CAM, Wellness & Prevention, and Coordinated Spine Care (CSC). For more information, visit www.palladianhealth.com.

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