

# CODING OPPORTUNITY IDENTIFIED.....



By using evidence-based medicine techniques for large groups of patients with the same illness, doctors have been able to develop **practice guidelines** for evaluation and treatment of particular conditions. These guidelines are then followed by health plans when reviewing their members care.

During the review of our potential care opportunities over the past few months, we are finding an area that we wanted to share as these items can cause a *decrease in your quality measure score as well as possible loss revenue for your services provided.*

Diabetes Mellitus (DM) patients should, at a minimum, have their HgbA1c checked two times annually.

Many offices complete HgbA1c in their office versus sending it to an outside lab. These in-office labs *must also be billed* or it appears the patient is not having the test completed.

**PLEASE** ensure that your billing/coding team double checks your patient record prior to final billing.