



Wisconsin Physicians Service Medicare J5 POE Advisory Group Minutes – Missouri and Kansas

February 26, 2009
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Teleconference

Members Present:

Marion Regier, Hillsboro Community Medical Center - CAH
Mike Metro, Salina Regional Health - H
Larry Morris, Stormont-Vail HealthCare - H
Stacy Cope, Lawrence Memorial - H
Brenda Olson, Great Plains Health Alliance
Sandra Lindley, Ray County Memorial Hospital - CAH
Vicki Caywood, Hutchinson Hospital - H
Eldon Schumacher, Great Plains Health Alliance
Wesla Arambulo, Skilled Healthcare, LLC - SNF
Tish Hollingsworth, Kansas Hospital Association
Karen Endicott-Coyan, Mercy Health Center - H
Gale Whitehair, Memorial Health System - H
Linda Knox, Lester E. Cox - H
Tim Modglin, Ozark Dialysis Services - ESRD
Aileen Sigler, WPS Medicare

Meeting:

The J5 Part A Provider Outreach and Education Advisory Group for Missouri and Kansas took place via teleconference on February 26, 2009. Aileen Sigler, Outreach Analyst, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Aileen began by reminding the group of the main purpose of the POE Advisory Group which is to suggest training topics for future provider education. In addition to seminars, suggestions from the POE group can drive other educational activities such as “Ask the Contractor” teleconference topics and Computer Based Training (CBT) subjects.

Suggested Seminar Topics:

- Overview of how WPS works
- RAC Audits
- Critical Access Hospital Billing
- One day stays/ Observation

Suggested Seminar locations:

- Kansas City



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Recommended Timeframes for Education:

- Middle of the month; avoid first and last week
- Avoid scheduling activities on Monday and Friday

Contractor Updates and Issues:

- **Status of Outreach Analyst in Kansas City office** – Aileen informed the group that she will be the Outreach Analyst for all J5 states. A separate individual for the Kansas City Field Office will not be hired at this time.

Provider Education:

We are in the planning stages for educational activities for the third quarter of FY 2009. There will be 5 billing seminars for the J5 states of Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, and Iowa.

Check the Education area of the website for upcoming seminars and teleconferences. Suggestions made today, along with CERT data, will drive topics and locations for future education.

Sign up for any of these educational events on our Website at:

<http://www.wpsmedicare.com>

Contact the Outreach Analyst hosting the event for more information.

Member Issues:

Q. Please discuss instructions from the Medicare Claims Processing Manual (IOM 100-04), Chapter 6, Section 10.2. What, exactly, does the following mean: “Consolidated billing applies to: . . . Short term hospitals, long term hospitals, and rehabilitation hospitals certified as swing bed hospitals, except CAHs certified as swing bed hospitals.”

A. **CAH Swing Beds are exempt from SNF consolidated billing, however they do need to follow directions in the CMS Internet Only Manual (IOM), Publication 100-4, Chapter 3, Section 10.4 on bundling hospital charges. These charges should be included on the 18X type of bill.**

Open Discussion:

- We discussed the Progressive Corrective Action (probe) process.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held via teleconference on June 4, 2009 from 10:00-11:30 AM. Future meetings are tentatively scheduled for 9/24/2009.

Submitted by: Aileen Sigler

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