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WPS Medicare J5 POE Advisory Group Minutes – Missouri and Kansas

September 22, 2009
10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Teleconference

Members Present:

Marion Regier, Hillsboro Community Medical Center (CAH)
Mike Metro, Salina Regional Health (H)
Stacy Cope, Lawrence Memorial (H)
Sandra Lindley, Ray County Memorial Hospital (CAH)
Eldon Schumacher, Great Plains Health Alliance
Wesla Arambulo, Skilled Healthcare, LLC (SNF)
Gale Whitehair, Memorial Health System (H)
Aileen Sigler, WPS Medicare

Meeting:

The J5 Part A Provider Outreach and Education Advisory Group (POE AG) for Missouri and Kansas took place via teleconference on September 22, 2009. Aileen Sigler, Outreach Analyst, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Aileen began by referencing the minutes from the last meeting, which was held at North Kansas City Hospital on August 13, 2009. A copy of the members' contact information was also provided prior to the call.

Suggested Seminar Topics:

- There were no additions or deletions from the list of seminar topics in the August minutes.

Suggested Seminar locations:

- No changes from August

Recommended Timeframes for Education:

- No changes from August

Contractor Updates and Issues:

- Aileen informed the group about the upcoming installation of the October quarterly release, which will take place the weekend of October 3. As a result of this, claims submitted on or

after October 1, with October 1 and later dates of service will be held with a reason code of WW404 in status location SMHOLD until the update has been completed. Once we confirm and validate that the system updates are processing correctly, we will begin releasing the claims from the hold edit.

- CMS has proposed a new prospective payment system for renal dialysis facilities. The proposed system will provide a single bundled payment to dialysis facilities that would cover the items and services used in providing outpatient services including the dialysis treatment, clinical laboratory tests, and prescription drugs.

Provider Education:

We are in the planning stages for educational activities for the first quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2010. There will be 3 billing seminars for the J5 states of Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, and Iowa. There may also be a clinical seminar geared toward Skilled Nursing Facilities. There is an EDI Ask-the-Contractor call on November 12 at 1:00 p.m. There is no registration required for this event. Dial in information is listed at wpsmedicare.com. Check the Education area of the Website for upcoming seminars and teleconferences.

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

http://www.wpsmedicare.com/j5macparta/training/training_programs/

Contact the Outreach Analyst hosting the event for more information.

Member Issues:

Q. When a lab service denies for a National Coverage Determination (NDC), can a corrected or additional diagnosis be added based on the history in the patient's chart, or does it need to be documented the day the service occurs?

A. As long as the condition is documented in the charts, it can be used to justify the service. These changes need to be sent as hardcopy adjustments.

Q. Will the cost reports be affected by the RAC audits?

A. There may or may not be an impact to the cost report. Please contact your Audit Supervisor for specific questions related to the cost report.

Next Meeting:

The next scheduled meeting will be held via teleconference on January 20, 2010, from 10:00-11:30 AM.