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**Wisconsin Physician's Service Medicare  
J5 POE Advisory Group Minutes – Nebraska**

March 4, 2008  
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM  
Teleconference

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**Members Present:**

Aileen Sigler – WPS Medicare  
Mike Feagler – Great Plains Regional Medical Center  
Susan Fink – Fremont Area Medical Center  
Michelle Monhollon – Lincoln Surgical Hospital  
Karel Sysel – Dialysis Center of Lincoln  
Jana Danielson – Nebraska Medical Center  
Arlen Rasmussen – BryanLGH Medical Center

**Others:**

Jason Killion – WPS Medicare  
Jan Ervin – WPS Medicare  
Amy Miller - IntegriGuard

**Meeting:**

Aileen Sigler facilitated the teleconference. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM.

The call began with introductions. Aileen reminded the members that the main purpose of the POE Advisory Group is to suggest training topics for future provider education. In addition to workshops, suggestions from the POE group can drive other educational activities such as “Ask-the-Contractor Teleconference” (ACT) topics and Computer Based Training (CBT) subjects. The POE AG Charter was reviewed. The J5 Resource card was also discussed and Aileen asked for suggestions to add to the card to make it more useful for providers.

**Group Input and Feedback:**

- **Suggestions for seminars, “Ask the Contractor” Teleconferences (ACT), Computer Based Training (CBT) sessions, etc:**
  1. Working Claims with Lifetime Reserve Days
  2. CCI and MUE edits
  3. Timeline and process for 855 requests
  4. Refresher on IME-DGME payments for residents
  
- **Recommended Locations for Seminars**
  - Grand Island
  - Kearney
  - Lincoln



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- **Recommended Timeframes for Education**
  - Middle of the month works best; not first or last week
  - Mondays work for teleconferences, but not workshops
  - Not Fridays

**Contractor Updates and Issues:**

- **MAC Transition Update** – Aileen informed the group that on March 1, WPS Medicare took over the J5 business for Kansas Part A and the Part B services for Western Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska. Iowa and Missouri Part A work will transition on May 1, and the last segment is Eastern Missouri Part B on June 1.

**Provider Education:**

- **WPS Medicare Website** – The participants received screen prints of the WPS Medicare A/B MAC Website. Aileen informed the group that on March 1, WPS Medicare took over the J5 business for Kansas Part A and the Part B services for Western Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska. Iowa and Missouri Part A work will transition on May 1, and the last segment is Eastern Missouri Part B on June 1.
  - March 27:
    - “Ask-the-Contractor” Teleconference-Bone Mass Measurements  
Sign up for any of these educational events on our Website at:  
<http://www.wpsmedicare.com/mac/education/schedule.shtml>  
Contact the Outreach Analyst hosting the event for more information.

**Open Discussion:**

- The group suggested meeting at the WPS office some time for a tour of the facility.
- Several facilities would like to see more education presented as a webinar to enable more people to attend.

**Next Meeting:**

There is discussion taking place about the possibility of a National POE Advisory meeting. It may be the last week in July or the first week of August and it may be in Kansas City. More information will be forthcoming as details are finalized. The group was polled as to their feeling about this and it was enthusiastically favorable.