

**Mutual of Omaha – Medicare
Provider Outreach and Education (POE) Advisory Group Minutes
Western Region**

June 7, 2007
10:00 AM – 11:15 AM PT

Teleconference

Members Present:

Susan LaPadula – ICMRS (S)
Patricia Blaisdell – California Hospital Association (H)
Meg Gelvezon – North American Healthcare (s)
Diane Olivas – Tenet Healthcare (H)
Sharon Sandow - Tenet Healthcare (H)
Debbie Pedroza - Tenet Healthcare (H)
Alicia Stewart - Tenet Healthcare (H)
Gloria Silguero - Tenet Healthcare (H)
Elaine Knapp – CMS
John Wrynn – Mutual of Omaha - Medicare
Janet Mateo – Mutual of Omaha - Medicare

Meeting:

John Wrynn and Janet Mateo of Mutual of Omaha facilitated the meeting.
The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

John Wrynn and Janet Mateo introduced themselves to the members explaining that they were hosting this meeting until the Medicare Field Representative position for the West is filled. John reiterated to the members that the primary purpose of the POE Advisory Group is to suggest educational topics and the format for future outreach and education events. These educational events include seminars, Ask the Contractor teleconference calls, Computer Based Training (CBT) subjects via Mutual of Omaha's web site and our bi-monthly newsletter.

Group Input and Feedback:

Training Topics and Upcoming Training : Janet Mateo

Janet recapped the education and training that has taken place so far this fiscal year, since October 2006. This included seven seminars in the West region, 12 Ask The Contractor Teleconference (ACT) calls (nationwide) and nineteen Computer Based Training (CBTs) now available via the Mutual Medicare web

site, www.mutualmedicare.com. Also, two SNF Documentation Clinical roundtable teleconferences were held.

Upcoming training for the remainder of the Fiscal Year (through September 30, 2007) include two seminars to be held in August and September 2007. One seminar will be for Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospitals and will be in Buena Park, CA. The other for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) and will be in Seattle, WA. Three additional CBT are also planned, UB-04, Hospital Part B covered services and Using Value Code 44. Lastly, two additional Act calls are planned for the fourth quarter (July-September 2007) and are to be Open Discussions, one for hospitals and one for SNFs.

New Computer Based Training (CBT) Modules:

- 3- Day Payment Window
- Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy

Recommended Topics for Upcoming Training: Seminars, “Ask the Contractor” Teleconferences (ACT), Computer Based Training (CBT) sessions, Newsletter articles.

Janet Mateo reviewed a list of topics that had been suggested at the POE National Meeting February 26 and 27, 2007 and are listed in the minutes to the meetings. Member recommended that in addition to the suggested topics on the list, we add the topic of No Payment Billing training for both hospitals and SNFs.

Contractor Updates and Issues:

Many of the topics discussed below at the teleconference are current Medicare changes and are being discussed to determine if the topic is one that members believe may require education and training for their staff.

- **National POE Advisory Group Meeting** – Minutes for the National meeting have been posted to the Mutual of Omaha web site at www.mutualmedicare.com under Provider Education, POE Advisory Groups and Minutes. The minutes contain the listing of recommended educational topics from Mutual Medicare’s Advisory Groups around the country. Member should check this listing to see that all topics of interest are represented. Additional topics can also be forwarded to John Wrynn or Janet Mateo.
- **Hospital Updates**
 - **Present on Admission Indicator (POA)- in MM5499** CMS will require new coding with all diagnosis codes beginning as early as 10-1-07. On 4-1-08 acute hospital claim without the POA will RTP back to the hospital.
 - **New Important Message From Medicare and Expedited determination Procedures- CR5622-** introduces the new notices that all Medicare patient

will get from hospitals related to the patient's discharge effective for all hospital types beginning 7-1-07.

- **OPPS 2007 July 2007 updates in MM 5635**
- **Inpatient Psychiatric Facility (IPF) PPS changes for rate year 2008 in CR5619**
- **Transplant Programs-** new regulations require all programs to submit a request for approval by 12-26-07. See the CMS web site www.cms.hhs.gov/CertificationandCompliance/20_transplant.asp#TopofPage
- **Bone Mass Measurement Preventive Services- MM5521-** change in billing a covered HCPCS to 77080, effective 7-1-07
- **New Modifier, ET- CR5389-** for use on other ER services billed if given to a SNF patient covered under SNF Consolidated Billing for dates that span more than the date of the ER service
- **Hemophilia Clotting Factor updates- CR5466**
- **Bariatric Surgery updates- MM 5477**
- **Astigmatism Correcting IOLs updates – CR5527**
- **ESRD Separately Billable Drugs-MM3176 Revised**

- **SNF Updates**
- **No Payment Billing- MM5583-** coding change to use occurrence span code 74 to avoid edits for overlapping with 22x Type of Bills, effective 8-27-07

- **All Providers**
- **UB-04 coding update- CR5593-** updates Pub 100-5, Chapter 25 coding
- **Revised ABN-** request comments on proposal to combine the General and Lab ABN forms go to www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/advanced.html and search the date "05/25/07" and "CMS-R131" (include the quote marks)

The date of the next meeting will be September 5, 2007 at 10:00 AM. A proposed agenda will be sent prior to the meeting.

Submitted by: John Wrynn and Janet Mateo
June 11, 2007