



Provider Outreach and Education (POE) Advisory Group (AG) Meeting Minutes Central Region

December 10, 2009

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. CT

Present:

- Marissa Smith, Southeast Hospital -Acute Hospital, Inpatient Psychiatric Facility (IPF), Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF)
- Paulett Andersen, St. John's Hospital – Acute Hospital, IRF, IPF, Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)
- John Bossing, St. John's Hospital – Acute Hospital, IRF, IPF, SNF
- Theresa Dardy, St. John's Hospital – Acute Hospital, IRF, IPF, SNF
- Judy Gelsheimer, L.E. Cox Medical Centers – Acute Hospital, Critical Access Hospital (CAH), SNF, IRF, IPF
- Kelli Schroeder, North Kansas City Hospital – Acute Hospital
- Janie Elliott, Cass Medical Center – CAH, Rural Health Clinic (RHC)
- Barb Smallwood, St. Anthony's Medical Center - Acute Hospital, IRF, IPF
- Donna Coates, St. Mary's Health Center – Acute Hospital, IPF
- Irene Flemon, NEA Baptist Memorial – Acute Hospital
- Cindy Dorosh, Windsor Place – SNF
- Mike Gorman, Key Rehabilitation – therapy group

Facilitator:

- Elizabeth Uraga, WPS Medicare

Minutes:

The Provider Outreach and Education Advisory Group (POE AG) meeting was held via conference call. The provider members on the call represented multiple provider types.

- **CMS Internet Only Manual (IOM), Publication 100-09, Medicare Contractor Beneficiary and Provider Communications Manual , Chapter 6, Section 20.4**
The primary function of POE Advisory Groups is to assist the FI or A/B MAC in the creation, implementation and review of provider education strategies and efforts. The function of these groups can also be found on the WPS Medicare Website at http://www.wpsmedicare.com/part_a/education/about_pcom.shtml. Please contact Elizabeth Uraga with any suggestions about future topics for seminars, teleconferences, or computer-based training. Elizabeth can be reached at 402-351-3783 or elizabeth.uraga@wpsic.com.
- **Contractor Issues & Updates**
 - Elizabeth announced that the WPS Medicare Part A Provider Outreach and Education Manager, Mary Woon, retired on November 20, 2009. The new manager is Roselyn Hart.

- Elizabeth announced that the WPS Medicare *Communiqué* will publish quarterly instead of monthly effective January 2010. This was announced in the December 7, 2009 WPS Medicare Part A Legacy eNews email.
- Elizabeth encouraged members to look at the CMS Quarterly Provider Update (QPU) for July and October 2009 for important final rules for 2010. Additionally, note that the comment period for the proposed End-Stage Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Prospective Payment System (PPS), published in the Federal Register on 9/29/09, has been extended to 5pm on December 16, 1009.
 - ESRD PPS Proposed Rule:
<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-22486.pdf>
 - QPU: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/QuarterlyProviderUpdates/>
- Elizabeth announced the deductibles, coinsurance, and therapy caps for CY2010. The therapy caps will be \$1860 for Physical Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology and \$1860 for Occupational Therapy. This was announced in Change Request (CR) 6660, Transmittal 1860, released 11/23/09. The Part A deductible will be \$1100. The Part B deductible will be \$155. Coinsurance for hospital days will be \$275. Coinsurance for Lifetime Reserve Days will be \$550. Coinsurance for SNF days will be \$137.50. This was announced in CR 6690, Transmittal 61, released 11/13/09.
 - CR 6660 (Therapy Caps):
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R1860CP.pdf>
 - CR 6690 (Deductibles and Coinsurance):
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R61GI.pdf>
- Elizabeth announced education activities scheduled at the time of the call. Watch WPS eNews for information on new events.
 - Seminars (tentative and not on our Website yet):
 - Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) Billing in New Orleans, LA on 02/25/10
 - MSP Billing in Grand Island, NE on 03/11/10
 - Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) Clinical in St. Louis, MO on 03/25/10
 - Ask-the-Contractor Teleconferences (ACTs):
 - Consolidated Billing on 12/17/09. Registration closes 12/10/09, so please contact Elizabeth to participate.
 - SNF Comprehensive Error Rate Testing (CERT) Common Errors on 01/21/10. Registration closes on 01/19/10.
 - SNF Medicare Advantage Information Only Billing on 02/25/10. Registration closes 02/22/10.
- **New Suggestions**
 - ACTs
 - Workers Compensation Medicare Set-Aside Arrangements (WCMSA)
 - Medically Unlikely Edits. Based on this suggestion, an ACT has been scheduled for 04/06/10 and will post to our Website on 12/22/09.
 - Outpatient Outliers
 - Seminars
 - Seminar in Springfield, MO. Based on this suggestion, a seminar is being planned for Springfield, MO on 04/22/10. Watch WPS eNews for the announcement when the plans are finalized.

- **Open Discussion**
 - **Has the Medicaid crossover issue for Missouri been resolved?**
 - A fix was scheduled for September 2009, so the issue should be resolved. Any continuing issues with crossover to Medicaid should be reported to Elizabeth.
- **Future POE Advisory Group Meetings**
 - Via teleconference March 18, 2010, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
 - Via teleconference June 10, 2010, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
 - Via teleconference September 9, 2010, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.