



Wisconsin Physician's Service Medicare POE Advisory Group Minutes – Southeast Region

March 11, 2009
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET

Teleconference

Members Present:

Jan Ervin – WPS - Medicare
Marjean Preda – Tenet
Patty Singewald – Signature
Gloria Henderson for Lee Ann Brady – Iasis Healthcare
Rose Hall - Tenet
Veronica Small - Tenet

Meeting:

Jan Ervin facilitated the teleconference. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM EST.

The call began with introductions. Jan reminded the members that the main purpose of the POE Advisory Group (POE AG) is to suggest training topics for future provider education. In addition to the regional 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.

Group Input and Feedback:

Members were given a list of all seminars being held or considered in the Southeast (SE) region. Additional topics suggested were: outliers, pre-entitlement, benefits exhaust, and Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Beneficiary Notices of Non-coverage (BNI).

We will take these topics into consideration: I explained that these topics alone would not be substantial enough for a seminar but might be incorporated into existing seminars we are currently planning. Benefits exhaust is already included in most SNF billing seminars. SNF BNI is under consideration for an upcoming ACT.

At our last POE AG meeting members stated they were unable to attend the SNF Benefits Exhaust & No Pay Billing ACT held on December 4, 2008, because it was held during the first week of the month. We have another ACT scheduled on this topic for May 13, 2009.

Members were given a list of all ACT calls currently scheduled and asked if they had any additional topics they would like to see presented. There were no additional recommendations at this time.



Education Recommendations

ACTs

Do not schedule for the first or last week in the month or on Mondays or Fridays.

Member Issues

No issues were presented at this time.

Open Discussion

Tenet facilities stated that their travel budgets are very limited at this time and it is difficult to travel.

I asked members if they would be interested in a face-to-face meeting for our third quarterly meeting with it being held in West Palm Beach. After more research it became apparent that this meeting will not be accessible to most of our members at this time. I have scheduled our next meeting as listed below.

Next Quarterly Meeting

June 10, 2009 at 2:00 PM EST

September 17, 2009 at 2:00 PM EST

Sign up for any of our educational events on our website at:

http://www.wpsmedicare.com/part_a/education/education.shtml

Contact the Outreach Analyst hosting the event for more information.

Submitted by: Jan Ervin

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