



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

December 17, 2008
10:00 AM – 1100 AM ET

Teleconference

Members Present:

Jan Ervin – WPS - Medicare
Susan Franz – Med One
Marjean Preda – Tenet
Char Williams – Tenet
Stephanie Hewitt – Signature
Patty Singewald – Signature
Lee Ann Brady – Iasis Healthcare
Tabatha McAllister – Tenet
Shanta Livingston - Tenet

Meeting:

Jan Ervin facilitated the teleconference. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM EST.

The call began with introductions. Jan reminded the members that the main purpose of the POE Advisory Group 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 topics and Computer-Based Training (CBT) subjects.

Group Input and Feedback:

The National POE AG meeting in KC, MO produced many topics for education. These topics and WPS' actions taken regarding the topics were discussed.

Members associated with hospitals disagree with the MUE edits that have been published. They state that the number billed is medically necessary and will deny even when using modifiers and or submitting documentation. No suggestions were made to improve upon this issue.

Members stated they were unable to attend the SNF Benefits Exhaust & No Pay Billing ACT held on December 4, 2008, due to it being held during the first week of the month. They were too busy with month end billing. It was noted not to hold the teleconferences during the first or last week of the month.



LTR Days & Outliers handouts were discussed. They did not feel that the handouts are very useful as presented. Members thought they were mainly for LTCH and would like to see something for Acute Hospitals.

Education Recommendations

ACTs

LOA for Rehab facilities. – No other recommendations were made.

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

Seminars Requested

SNF Billing – A seminar is scheduled on 1/29/09 in Nashville. One is tentatively scheduled March 19, 2009 in Atlanta. One is tentatively scheduled April 16 in Tampa.

OPPS – There are not any OPPS seminars planned in the SE region at this time, I will work to get one scheduled before the end of the 2009.

Locations Suggested

Melbourne, FL
Anywhere in KY

Member Issues

No issues were presented at this time.

Open Discussion

A location for the 2009 National POE AG meeting was suggested to hold it in Orlando, FL. It was stated that since it is the off season that pricing should be reasonable. Tenet facilities stated that their travel budgets are very limited at this time.

Next Quarterly Meeting

March 17, 2009 at 2:00 PM EST
June 17, 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 December 29, 2008