

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

December 6, 2007
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM ET
Teleconference

Members Present

Aileen Sigler – WPS Medicare
Jason Killion – WPS Medicare
Laurie Holtsford - CHS
Rudy Braccili – Tenet
Chris Rasmussen – HCA
Regina Norton – HCA

Meeting

Aileen Sigler and Jason Killion facilitated the teleconference. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

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 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

- **Suggestions for seminars, “Ask the Contractor” Teleconferences (ACT), Computer Based Training (CBT) sessions, etc:**
 1. Outliers and Lifetime Reserve Days- workshop with hands-on claims examples
 2. Training on the new web-site (per Jason, this is in development-watch for more information)
 3. No-Pay Claims for patients in Medicare Advantage plans (ACT on this topic scheduled for December 20)
 4. Critical Access Hospital billing and payment
 5. MSP processing and liability carriers
 6. Education regarding settlements and liabilities in MSP situations for beneficiaries and attorneys
- **Recommended Locations for FY 2007 Seminars**
 - West Palm Beach
 - Dade County- Miami
 - North Ridge Medical Center in Ft. Lauderdale has space and would be willing to host a workshop

Contractor Updates and Issues

- **www.wpsmedicare.com** – Aileen informed the group of some of the items that can be found on the new combined Website. Since the providers on the call are considered “legacy,” they would enter the Part A section. Information previously on the Mutual Medicare Website can be found here. All participants were encouraged to sign up for the e-news Listserv.

Provider Education

- **2008 coinsurance and deductible rates were discussed and a handout given**

- **Upcoming training sessions:**

- SNF Benefits Exhaust and No-Pay Billing ACT scheduled for December 11, 2007
- Present on Admission Indicator for Acute Hospitals ACT scheduled for December 12, 2007
- Use of the 59 Modifier ACT scheduled for December 18, 2007
- HMO and Hospice Overlap Billing ACT scheduled for December 20, 2007
- Due to the transition to WPS, no workshops were scheduled for the first quarter of FY 2008. 17 billing and 1 clinical workshop will be held in the second quarter.

Member Issues

Q. With the change to WPS, are there changes in the 835 (ERA) form, if so what changes can we expect?

A. There were no changes to the format of the 835 form.

Q. When there is an attorney involved in a liability situation, is it mandatory that we wait 120 days before billing Medicare?

A. When billing Medicare, the provider has the choice to either bill Medicare OR file a claim with the auto, no fault plan, or place a lien with the attorney, you cannot bill two parties at once. If providers cannot expect prompt payment from a third party (i.e., within 120 days), they may bill Medicare for conditional payment.

Open Discussion

Jason asked for input for the Critical Access Hospital CBT he is developing. Once the draft is done, he will send it to the POE Advisory Group for feedback.

Next Meeting

Watch our Website for posting of the next scheduled POE Advisory Group Meeting.

***Submitted by: Aileen Sigler
December 11, 2007***