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Minutes

Provider Outreach and Education Advisory Group
(POE AG)
Wisconsin Physicians Service (WPS) Medicare

March 4, 2009
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)

Attendees

Tanya Hoagland	WPS Medicare (Chairperson)
Jan Ervin	WPS Medicare
Ben Doll	WPS Medicare
Amy Rodriguez	LTC Consulting Associates
Diane Olivas	Tenet
Meg Gelvezon	North American Healthcare
Paulette Colter	Covenant Care
Sharon Sandow	Tenet
Shirley Guzman	Piedmont Gardens
Susan LaPadula	ICMRS
Wesla Arambulo	Skilled Healthcare, LLC

Nanci Pierson LTC Consulting Associates (guest)

Meeting

Tanya Hoagland facilitated the teleconference. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM PST.

The call began with introductions. Tanya 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.

Provider Education

- Tanya went over the up-coming Ask-the-Contractor Teleconferences (ACTs).
- Tanya also mentioned the planned seminars for the west coast:
 - March 25, 2009: OPPS Billing Seminar; Buena Park, CA
 - March 26, 2009: SNF Clinical Seminar; Buena Park, CA
 - May 7, 2009: SNF Billing Seminar; Santa Clara, CA
 - June 25, 2009: SNF Billing Seminar; Seattle, WA
- A member requested another ACT on SNF Notices of Non-coverage. Tanya advised she would mention this to her manager and the rest of the POE team.

**Open Discussion/Conclusion**

- A member asked for an update on when the MDS 3.0 will go into effect. Tanya advised she would research this and put the information in the minutes
 - Per CMS' SNF/LTC Open Door Forum on 3/5/09:
 - Implementation postponed until 10/2010 (so timeline is under revision now)
 - Data Sets & Item Sets will not be published until October (so CMS can release final version and not another draft)
 - MDS 3.0 Training (remember everything on CMS Website now is draft so don't train on these materials-they will change)
 - CMS cannot give information on any changes to RUGS because the draft rule is being constructed now
- Providers are still having issues receiving their new EDC IDs and/or once they have their IDs they are having issues accessing the new DDE system. Tanya advised she would post some tips in the minutes.
 - Tips, FAQs, and Updates were posted on our Website 3/6/09
http://www.wpsmedicare.com/part_a/selfservice/dde.shtml

Next Meeting

- Members would like to move the quarterly POE AG meeting to either the 2nd or 3rd week of the month.
- Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 17, 2009, at 11:00am Pacific Time