

# Ambulance Provider Education Training (PET) Advisory Group

## Agenda/Minutes

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

04/25/2007

Madison, WI

**Attending Members: Jackson County Ambulance, MedStar, Paratech, Bell, Universal, MedEx, Lifequest**

**Telephone: MedEx, North Memorial Ambulance, Gold Cross- Mayo Medical Transport, AccuMed Billing, Superior Ambulance, First Care Ambulance, CMS – Gregg McAllister, Life Care Ambulance, LifeLink III, Universal McComb, Allina Medical Transportation, Life EMS, Tri-State Ambulance, Gold Cross Ambulance, Fulton County**

**WPS Medicare Staff: Sue Brewer, Thom Ryan, Cari Dykstra**

Agenda Item	Discussion	Suggestions	Outcome/Action
Open/ Approval Of Minutes	No comments on the previous Ambulance PET minutes Letter on information update should be completed and returned to Thom Ryan.	We are not looking to add new members to the ambulance PET.	Minutes approved. Respond with the letter and updated information by June 1, 2007. If no response is received you will be removed from the ambulance PET.
CR 5442 – Medical Conditions List	CR 5442 updated the Medical Conditions list. If you use the medical conditions, indicators should be in the Narrative. They are not modifiers. Be sure to use the codes exactly as written.		
MM 5448 – Legislative Change to update factor for 2007 MPFS	MM 5448 discuss the legislative changes to reverse the 5% decrease to the fee schedule. It also extended the Participation date until 2/14/2007.		
MM 5533 - SCT	MM 5533 discuss the change the SCT definition from hospital to hospital to interfaculty. The information is being updated in the IOM.		
MM 5203 Point of Pick-up	MM 5203 address the changes to jurisdiction of ambulance claims processing. Ambulance providers need to enroll with other carrier where they pick up the patient.	Start enrolling with other carriers where ambulance providers pick up patients.	
MM 5390 1490 & 1491	April 2, 2007 Medicare will no longer accept the CMS 1490 and 1491 claim forms. Providers should begin to submit on the CMS-1500 claim form.		

<p>NPI MM 5568 1500 Claim form</p>	<p>CMS has publicly announced the Medicare contingency plan and the contingency guidance. The contingency plan does not allow provider an extension on the date to get NPI. The contingency plan is not an extension of the mandated date, but grants a non-penalty phase of one year. CMS provided an extension of the CMS-1500 (12/90) claim form. CMS has not announced when we will stop taking the 12/90 version. The CMS-1500 (08/05) claim form had printing error and that extended the original date. CMS has set a tentative date of June 1, 2007, to stop taking the 12/90 version. NPI is required on the enrollment application today. Attach a certificate to application to prove you have NPI.</p>	<p>Have your NPI May 23, 2007.</p> <p>Check to verify the following for NPI readiness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• System ready for NPI</li> <li>• Have you gotten NPI</li> <li>• Vendors and clearinghouses ready</li> </ul> <p>Begin testing today if you are ready.</p>	<p>Continue to watch WPS Medicare and the CMS Website for the most current NPI information.</p> <p>Provider should be checking pre-pass edits for claims submitted with NPI. Edits M340-M351 indicate a problem with the NPI crosswalk, and contact EDI for help.</p> <p>Watch for the final date for the day in which Medicare will accept only the NPI.</p>
<p>CERT</p>	<p>To view the CERT information go to <a href="http://www.wpsmedicare.com/provider/cert.shtml">http://www.wpsmedicare.com/provider/cert.shtml</a> on the WPS Medicare Website. We looked at the ambulance specific errors and where to find them on the Website.</p>	<p>Review the ambulance errors from CERT.</p>	
<p>Security Fact Sheet</p>	<p><a href="http://www.wpsmedicare.com/provider/pdfs/security.pdf">http://www.wpsmedicare.com/provider/pdfs/security.pdf</a> is the Website to view the sheet. The design of the fact sheet is for providers who have concerns about access available about the internet.</p>	<p>Review the fact sheet so you are aware of the information on it.</p>	<p>Please share with small providers that may have concerns.</p>
<p>Appeals Page</p>	<p>The Appeals page on the WPS Medicare Website is <a href="http://www.wpsmedicare.com/provider/pdfs/security.pdf">http://www.wpsmedicare.com/provider/pdfs/security.pdf</a> It contains the forms, helpful hints, and the contact information.</p>	<p>Review the appeals page.</p>	
<p>Ambulance Websites</p>	<p>The ambulance specific information is located at <a href="http://www.wpsmedicare.com/provider/provider_ed_specialties.shtml#amb">http://www.wpsmedicare.com/provider/provider_ed_specialties.shtml#amb</a> on the WPS Medicare Website. We have consolidated all of the information on the ambulance Website. The policy is not located on this page.</p>	<p>Review the ambulance specific page.</p>	<p>Always continue to review the entire Website. To get the most current information sign up for the general and ambulance list-serve (E-News).</p>
<p>Review of Ambulance CBT</p>	<p>The CBT is designed to be 101 course or basics level course. We need your help make sure it has all of the information in it.</p>	<p>Please provide feedback to me on the Slide 56. Please review slides 93 - 94 on the ABN for readability and understanding.</p>	<p>Review the CBT and provide feedback by June 30, 2007.</p>

Current Educational Resources	<p>The ambulance page is a current resource. We have multiple new technologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MediaSite – Recorded presentation that captures slides and voice.</li> <li>• Computer-Based Training (CBT) – presentation that a user can take at their own pace. No voice.</li> <li>• Webinar technology (iLinc) – broadcast a live session over a Web.</li> </ul> <p>We will be using all of these different technologies in the future.</p>	<p>Review a MediaSite presentation. Review CBT.</p> <p>We used the iLinc for meetings. For future meetings we will use the Voice over the computer.</p>	Advise Thom Ryan of what formats work best for you in the presentations.
C-SNAP	<p>C-SNAP is a tool for providers to research information on their on own. Information includes eligibility, claim status, check information, and much more.</p> <p>When doing eligibility checks on C-SNAP it uses the 270/271 CMS transaction and the transaction takes longer to update than does the IVR (phone system). The IVR updates from the CWF and if there is a conflict between the IVR and C-SNAP, follow the information on the IVR.</p>		Please share C-SNAP information with other providers.
PC-ACE Pro Software	<p>WPS Medicare has free billing software available. An article is on the WPS Medicare Website at <a href="http://www.wpsmedicare.com/provider/software_special.shtml">http://www.wpsmedicare.com/provider/software_special.shtml</a></p>		
Open Discussion	<p>Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MI is J8 and transition in Sept. 2008</li> <li>• WI, IL, MN is J6 and transition in Sept. 2008</li> <li>• CMS Website to view MAC information is <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareContractingReform/01_Overview.asp#TopOfPage">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareContractingReform/01_Overview.asp#TopOfPage</a></li> </ul> <p>To get to the CMS Website from the WPS Medicare Website click on CMS in the top of the page.</p> <p>CMS Ambulance Website is located at <a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov/center/ambulance.asp">http://www.cms.hhs.gov/center/ambulance.asp</a>. You can also access this on CMS Website under Browse by Provider Type/ Ambulance Service Centers.</p> <p>Jan AccuMed Billing:</p>		

	<p>On a Recent Open Door Forum, a suggestion was made to have Part A and Part B have a separate meeting. Is it possible for us to coordinate this? Sue, Gregg, and Thom will review this possibility.</p> <p>Ron Slagell: Has discussion occurred regarding the interpretation of DRG issue and length of time issue? WPS Medicare is working on Q &amp; A for the issues. The Q &amp; A will be posted after finalization.</p>		
Close	WPS will determine the October date in the future.		If you are interested in hosting the ambulance PET meeting, please notify Thom Ryan or Sue Brewer.