CGS Updates

Pecos Phase 2 Implementation - Scott

- CMS has still not set a date for Phase 2 of Pecos to be initiated.
- CMS will give suppliers 60 days notice when the implementation date is decided upon.
- Reference: MLN Matters Number SE 1221

New Oxygen and Glucose Monitor/Supplies Denial Guides - Scott

- Detailed denial guides have been added to the CGS website for oxygen and glucose monitors.
- Direct Link Glucose Monitors: http://cgsmedicare.com/jc/claims/denial_help_aid_glucose.html
- Direct Link Oxygen: http://cgsmedicare.com/jc/claims/denial_help_aid_oxygen.html

New Refill Requirement

Revised: June 2012 - Scott

- A ListServ regarding the revised refill guidelines for DME was sent out on June 7, 2012. The main change was in regard to consumable supplies and non consumable supplies.
- Consumable supplies: those that are used up (e.g., ostomy or urological supplies, surgical dressings, etc.) - The Supplier should assess the quantity of each item that the beneficiary still has remaining to document that the amount remaining will be nearly exhausted on or about the supply anniversary date.
- Non-consumable supplies: those more durable items that are not used up but may need periodic replacement (e.g., Positive Airway Pressure and Respiratory Assist Device supplies) - The supplier should assess whether the supplies remain functional, providing replacement (a refill) only when the supply item(s) is no longer able to function. Document the functional condition of the item(s) being refilled in sufficient detail to demonstrate the cause of the dysfunction that necessitates replacement (refill).

June 2012 ACT Call - Scott

- CGS POE Will be hosting a General ACT Call on Friday June 22, 2012 at 1:00 PM CDT
- Direct Link to Call In Information: http://cgsmedicare.com/jc/pubs/news/2012/0612/cope19119.html

PMD PA Updates - Scott

- On November 15, 2011, CMS announced the PMD Demonstration Project for seven states. After feedback was received about the program, several delays and changes took place and the project is scheduled to begin on or after June 1, 2012.
- This project will affect seven states, three in Jurisdiction C – Florida, North Carolina and Texas.
- Based upon recent communication from CMS, the PMA PA project has been postponed once again by 2-4 months. More information to come.

Q&A - Scott

- A question was asked about refill requirements when a beneficiary requests refills by walking into a store front. When this occurs, the act of the beneficiary requesting the refill directly meets the refill requirement guidelines outlined in the new LCD language.
- The importance of contacting the beneficiary in some manner (phone, direct, etc) was discussed as well as how the request for refill must be documented.

Meeting Adjourned - 1:20 PM CDT