

The minutes below are a summary of the Advisory group meeting topics, group discussion, actions, and outcomes as a result of this meeting.

MEETING DETAILS

Date: December 5, 2013

Facilitator: Deanna Crusier, Provider Outreach and Education (POE), CGS

Attendees:

- Teleconference
 - Nancy Horn, Medical Compliance Services, Inc.
 - Darrell Spear, Kentucky Chiropractic Society
 - Lindy Lady, Kentucky Medical Association
 - Linda Basham, 911 Billing Services & Consultant, Inc.
 - Stephanie Woods, Greater Louisville Medical Society
 - John Blumenstock, PHI Air Medical, LLC
 - Ramona Osborne , MGMA
 - Patsy Schwenk, POE, CGS
 - Vanessa Williams, POE, CGS
 - Juan Lumpkin, POE , CGS
 - Melissa Kress, POE, CGS

AGENDA ITEMS

CGS Departmental Updates

- Suggestions for PCC training topics
 - The POE team participated in PCC training in November 2013. We presented our current Medicare Update presentation to the group so they are familiar with what providers are hearing in our seminars. We plan to continue to actively participate in these training sessions in 2014.
 - One suggestion discussed in the meeting was issues with the 1-800 MEDICARE line regarding the answers patients are receiving about non-medically necessary ambulance denials. We will forward their feedback to CMS.
 - If future topics come to mind, please e-mail one of the POE team members with your topics.

New Business

- POE-AG Membership Drive
 - Phase 1 of our membership drive is now complete. We have received responses from the majority of our current POE-AG members as to whether they wish to continue on with the POE-AG in the future.
 - Phase 2 will be underway shortly. We will be posting an announcement on our website and will send the same via ListServ to solicit potential new members to supplement our current advisory group.

- New members will be invited to join our regular quarterly POE-AG meetings beginning in 2014.
- 2014 Final Rule
 - CMS issued the 2014 Final Rule on December 2, 2013. It is available for review and comment at: [http://www.ofr.gov/\(S\(b3vidzthohrf3g44xmwwl2jf\)\)/OFRUpload/OFRData/2013-28696_PI.pdf](http://www.ofr.gov/(S(b3vidzthohrf3g44xmwwl2jf))/OFRUpload/OFRData/2013-28696_PI.pdf)
 - As additional details from the Final Rule are issued, we will post on our website and via ListServ.

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- N/A

Announcements and Reminders

- Phase II Ordering and Referring Denial Edits to be implemented effective January 6, 2014. See: <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/SE1305.pdf>
- **PQRS:** Providers must report at least one PQRS measure in 2013 to avoid the 1.5% payment reduction in 2015. See: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/index.html>
- **Value Based Modifier:** The 2014 Final Rule issued more detail on this topic. There was a CMS National Provider call on address the Value Based Modifier and the implications of the Final Rule on December 3, 2013.

The Affordable Care Act mandated that, by 2015, CMS begin applying a value modifier under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS). Both cost and quality data are to be included in calculating payments for physicians. See: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeedbackProgram/ValueBasedPaymentModifier.html>

- Physicians in groups of 100 or more eligible professionals who submit claims to Medicare under a single tax identification number will be subject to the value modifier in 2015, based on their performance in calendar year 2013.
- All physicians who participate in Fee-For-Service Medicare will be impacted by CMS' emphasis on reporting quality data through PQRS and by 2017 will be affected by the value modifier.

On December 17, 2013 CMS will be hosting a MLN Connects National Provider Call that will provide an overview of the 2014 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) Final Rule and the program updates to the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS). In particular, this call includes details on how an eligible professional (EP) or group practice can meet the criteria for satisfactory reporting for the 2014 PQRS incentive and 2016 PQRS payment adjustment. Registration information is available:

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/CMSSponsoredCalls.html>

Upcoming Educational Events

- **2014 Educational Event Plan/ Ideas and Small Provider Venues:** The POE team will be meeting this month to finalize plans for education in 2014. We currently use libraries to host most of our small provider workshops. One suggestion discussed using Community Colleges for these events. One member invited us to present at

their currently scheduled meetings and will be contacting Deanna to schedule dates. If anyone has any additional suggestions on alternative locations, please email one of the POE team members.

- **Provider Enrollment/ Revalidation Education:** POE is working closely with Provider Enrollment to offer education on the revalidation process. We have recently hosted two Ask the Contractor Teleconferences on this topic, and will plan to offer additional education in 2014.
- **New Provider Webinar Series:** We continue to host monthly webinars geared toward new providers and staff. This month the topic is the Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN) on December 18, 2013.
- **Proposed Updates to CGS website:** CGS will be updating our website soon in an effort to categorize information into “buckets” or topics. We have begun a preliminary review of the current website to determine how best to categorize certain information. One member recommended that each “bucket” page contain links to the CMS webpages that may also provide additional information on the specific topic. One member suggested an article for the ambulance bucket that will assist ordering physicians and facilities with the Medicare requirements for ambulance transport.
- **Education upon request:** <http://www.cgsmedicare.com/ohb/education/TrainingRequest.html>

2014 POE Advisory Group Meeting Schedule

- Next Meeting: February 13, 2014- Louisville KY
- May 15, 2014- Louisville KY
- August 14, 2014- Louisville KY
- November 13, 2014- Teleconference only

Roundtable/Questions

- A member inquired about submitting Medicare claims for incarcerated beneficiaries. It was discussed that Medicare does not reimburse for services provided to incarcerated beneficiaries. Additional information on this topic can be found here: <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/Downloads/Items-Services-Furnished-to-Beneficiaries-in-Custody-Under-Penal-Authority-Fact-Sheet-ICN908084.pdf>