

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
Listening Session Series:
Provider Compliance Group National Outreach
August 23-25, 2011

The Centers for Medicare and Medicare Services (CMS) would like to announce three national outreach listening sessions, called the Provider Compliance Group (PCG) Outreach Calls that will focus on several Office of the Inspector General (OIG) released reports. Outreach and Education Sessions for IRF Documentation, esMD, Hospice, "Overview of Reviews" and Navigating Medicare: Power Mobility will be presented.

The purpose of these calls is to educate providers and suppliers to address specific vulnerabilities identified in Office of Inspector General reports. As well as to provide education on other issues that exist for items and services provided under the Medicare Fee-for-Service (covering Durable Medical Equipment Part A, Part B and Home Health and Hospice) settings. CMS Contractor Medical Directors, OIG representatives and CMS personnel will address topics regarding full compliance with Medicare policy, billing instructions and medical review guidance related to reducing improper payments for these items and services.

Based on your understanding of the OIG reports, the PCG Outreach Calls and your real life experience, questions and suggestions of policy, procedure, or practice improvements to prevent improper payments are welcomed. Submit questions and suggestions to the email boxes listed after each call day schedule.

Questions should be submitted to the designated emails below and CMS will provide answers after the series of calls via email. No questions will be taken on the call as these calls are listening sessions. The calls will be broadcasted over the internet. Listed below are the specific web-links for each call, schedule of the calls and the OIG and Audit reports and topics to be discussed. Some calls may not take the full three hours allotted.

A notice regarding how to access the rebroadcast of the calls will soon follow.

Day One- Tuesday, August 23, 2011, 1:00pm to 4:00pm ET

Audience Web-Link:

<http://webcast.acrobat.com/r.htm?e=340399&s=1&k=F024F22AA5439E6F712CA62EB5863627>

Email questions: PCGOUTREACHCALLS.DAYONE@CMS.HHS.GOV;

1. IRF Documentation- Greg McKinney M.D. M.B.A.
2. OEI-04-09-00260 Most Power Wheelchairs in the Medicare Program did not meet Medical Necessity Guidelines- OIG Representative
3. Navigating Medicare: Power Mobility- Robert Hoover M.D. MPH,FACP

Day Two- Wednesday, August 24, 2011, 1:00pm to 4:00pm ET

Audience Web-Link:

<http://webcast.acrobat.com/r.htm?e=340410&s=1&k=BCD1CC0EFAF9CA71A1B265C5C062B4AC>

Email: PCGOUTREACHCALLS.DAYTWO@CMS.HHS.GOV;

1. Overview of Reviews- Melanie Combs-Dyer CMS
2. Hospice- Katie Lucas CMS
3. esMD- Melanie Combs-Dyer CMS

Day Three- Thursday, August 25, 2011, 1:00pm to 4:00pm ET

Audience Web-Link:

<http://webcast.acrobat.com/r.htm?e=340415&s=1&k=B4EBEE799EBBBD249B69BC1F44D0D22>

Email: PCGOUTREACHCALLS.DAYTHREE@CMS.HHS.GOV;

1. OEI-07-09-00450 Medicare Payments for Diagnostic Radiology Services in Emergency Departments- OIG representative and Sidney Hayes M.D.
2. A-01-09-00521 Payments for Ambulatory Surgical Center Services Provided to Beneficiaries in Skilled Nursing Facility Stays Covered Under Medicare Part A Calendar Years 2006 through 2008- Kimberly Rapoza OIG representative and Laurence Clark M.D., FACP
3. A-01-08-00505 Payments for Ambulance Transportation Provided to Beneficiaries In Skilled Nursing stays Covered Under Part A in Calendar year 2006- Kimberly Rapoza OIG representative and Edward L Humpert M.D. MS