

Medicare Learning Network® Message from the Director SEP 2011

Thank you for your interest in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Medicare Learning Network, also known as MLN.

The Medicare Learning Network is the brand name for official CMS national provider education products and is designed to promote the consistency of Medicare Fee-for-Service provider information.

With all of Medicare's complexities, the bottom line for CMS is to ensure effective, up-to-date health care coverage and to promote quality care for beneficiaries.

Part of that process is to make pertinent information and training available to health care professionals in a timely, easily accessible, and understandable manner.

By making information and education resources readily available, Fee-for-Service health care professionals have easy access to the information they need, when they need it.

That helps them to better understand the Medicare Program and submit claims correctly.

This, in turn, reduces time spent calling the provider call center and on resubmission of claims. Reimbursement of claims is received faster thereby improving provider satisfaction.

All of this can result in more time spent on patient care and ultimately, healthier beneficiaries!

The MLN webpage may be accessed from the Outreach and Education option, which is next to "Tools" in the top banner menu. Since this banner is always available, the Outreach and Education option may be accessed from any page on the CMS website! Clicking on this option will take you to the Outreach and Education home page where you can easily access all of the MLN pages.

The following pages highlight a few of the many valuable MLN resources available to assist you with your Medicare business functions.

In particular, our MLN General Information web page as well as the Catalog of Products, Guided Pathways, and MLN Matters Articles offer tips to help you quickly access a variety of CMS and MLN educational products .

We hope our efforts through the Medicare Learning Network help meet your needs for basic and enhanced Medicare education.

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