



National Government Services Carrier Advisory Comm.

Provider Outreach and Education
J 13 Part B



Medicare continues to change

- Continued improvement noted
- Get ready for 2010
- Provider enrollment – important to follow the details
- Future involves IT upgrades – X12 5010 and ICD-10
- New proposals on quality initiatives

Medicare continues to change

- Editing for NPIs on ordering and referred services starts on October 1, 2009.
- Watch for the message.
- IT strategies are key
- National implementation of the Recovery Audit Contractor – local outreach underway
- ICD-9 updates on October 1, 2009 –
- CPT and HCPCS on January 1, 2010.

2010 ?

- July 13, 2009 Federal Register
- -21.5% reduction in the CF
- Congressional action required
- A wide range of changes proposed –
- Dramatic consultation changes suggested ?

- Comments were due August 31, 2009!



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We've Changed!

Effective September 1, 2009, access to all coverage policies and policy related information will go through the new Medical Policy Center on [NGSMedicare.com](#).

The Medical Policy Center will serve as a single entry point for all coverage-related information, including:

- Local coverage determinations
- Supplemental instructions articles
- Coverage articles
- Medical policy update articles
- Other coverage-related articles
- Contact information
- And much more!

In a word, the Medical Policy Center will simplify your work life. Combining coverage information in a single, easy-to-access location will make you more effective and more efficient. And that, in turn, will enable you to provide even higher-quality service to your patients and customers.

Select the following link to access the Medical Policy Center on [NGSMedicare.com](#).

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SIAs, Coverage, and LCD Related Articles

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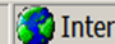
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Other Coverage-Related Information

LCD Reconsideration Process	Medical Policy Updates	Medical Policy Contact Information	Self-Administered Drugs
National Coverage Determinations	Investigational Device Exemption Requests	LCD Open Meeting Information	

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New training approach

- Special mailings started to alert physicians of changes to local coverage determinations.
- Two policies involved in September 2009:
 1. Computed Tomography – L28516
 2. Lipid Panel Profile/Cholesterol Testing
- Key message – use the LCD or NCD as a guide for billing! Avoid unnecessary issues!

Flu Season is here

- H1N1 and influenza
- Standard Flu - 90658 and G0008
- H1N1 - two doses are suggested
- Medicare will cover administration
- code and not the vaccine
- New codes:
- G9141—Influenza A (H1N1) immunization administration (includes the physician counseling the patient/family)
- G9142---Influenza A (H1N1) vaccine, any route of administration

The ICD-10-Clinical Modification/Procedure Coding System Fact Sheet

- **CMS Learn Resource 200810-27A**
- **Provides general information about the ICD-10-CM Procedure Coding System including benefits of adopting the new coding system, structural differences between ICD-9-CM and ICD-10.**
- **Provides implementation planning recommendations, is now available in downloadable format from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Medicare Learning Network at**
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/ICD-10factsheet2008.pdf> .

2009 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative PQRI

www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI

- **CMS Sponsored Call Scheduled on September 17, 2009.**
- **Bonus payment issues and access to data to be discussed.**
- **153 PQRI Quality Measures and Code Reporting for 2009.**
- **PQRI Quality Net Helpdesk**
 - **7am – 7pm Mon-Fri @ 866-288-8912 or**
 - **qnetsupport@ifmc.sdps.org**

E-Prescribing

- CMS announced the specifications for the E- Prescribing measure, used to determine whether an eligible professional is a successful E- Prescriber and qualifies for a 2% incentive payment for the 2009 reporting period.
- The measure specifications may be found on the CMS Web site in the “Downloads” section of the E- Prescribing Incentive Program Web page at:
http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI/03_EPrescribingIncentiveProgram.asp#TopOfPage

E-Prescribing

- **Effective January 1, 2009**
- **Do not need to Enroll to Participate in the Program**
- **Do not have to Participate in PQRI to Participate in E-
Prescribing**
- **You must report the e-prescribing quality measure through
your Medicare Part B claims on at least 50% of applicable cases
during the reporting year.**
- **CMS offers E-Prescribing Open Door Calls**

What Is the Medicare E-prescribing Incentive Program?

A Quick Look at the Medicare E-prescribing Incentive Payment

If you are a “successful e-prescriber” during calendar year	Your incentive payment is
2009	2.0%
2010	2.0%
2011	1.0%
2012	1.0%
2013	0.5%

You must submit claims no later than 2 months after the reporting period ends.

New Provider Telephone Service

- New technology added in July 2009
- When you call either the IVR system, or a Customer Service Representative CSR, CMS will require you to provide three data elements for authentication:
 - 1) Your National Provider Identifier *NPI*
 - 2) Your Provider Transaction Access Number *PTAN*
 - 3) Last five-digits of your tax identification number *TIN*

Provider-Specific Portal Home Page

Welcome to the Part B provider portal page. Please bookmark this page so you can return here the next time you visit our Web site. Within this section, you will find all content specific to Part B providers. You will also find links to other sites, such as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Web site, which includes additional resources and important Medicare program information.

Events Calendar

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- Wednesday, December 31, 2008
[What's New NGS Medical Policy Revision for: Drugs and B...](#)
- Tuesday, December 30, 2008
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or Teleconference !



Communication with NGS

- 1. Sign-up for www.ngsmedicare.com list serv
- 2. Participate in training programs
 - Medicare University is here
- 3. Participate in Flash and Ask the Contractor Calls - detailed information ask the critical process questions
- 4. Participate in CMS calls- very important call is PQRI, eprescribing, ICD-10

Medicare University *MU*

- **Educational Program designed to provide a broad variety of Medicare related training.**
- **View events on NGS website**
- **All teleconferences, webinars, CBT'S and many seminars are FREE.**
- **Registration is required.**
- **Earn MUC Credits -
Self Report after Training/ Print Report Card of all Training**

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Part B Providers

Welcome to National Government Services Event Calendar. Please use the Help button to the right for any assistance while using the Calendar. **Please Note: All training/event times are shown in eastern time.**



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Start Date and Time	Event Details	Location
Thursday, January 01, 2009	New Year's Day	
Thursday, January 08, 2009 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	2009 Medicare Update	Live event: NY, Stony Brook, University Hospital & Medical Center
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	2009 Medicare Update This seminar is offered to provide information regarding any upcoming changes in the Medicare Part B program for 2009.	Live event: NY, Stony Brook, University Hospital & Medical Center
Tuesday, January 13, 2009 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Modifiers/Correct Coding Seminar This seminar will describe the proper use of the most common modifiers and modifiers which cause the most claim denials. An overview of the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) edits, how to find the NCCI edit tables, and how/when modifiers are used in relation to NCCI edits will also be discussed.	Auditorium at Anthem Blue Cross & Blue Shield
Thursday, January 15, 2009 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Medicare Part B News Flash Teleconference for NY and CT Jurisdiction 13 (J13) Providers This teleconference will consist of the latest information regarding J13 Transition issues and news, changes and	Teleconference

Ask the Contractor Teleconference

- NGS hosts Medicare Part B quarterly “Ask the Contractor” ACT teleconference calls.
- These teleconference calls are similar to the Open Door Forums offered by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

**Check www.NGS Medicare.com
NEWS Section for the Date of the Next Call**

Medicare Part B News Flash Teleconferences for New York & Connecticut J13 Providers

- **For information on Current Processing Issues, Education on New and Upcoming Changes to the Medicare Program or Tips on how to avoid Common Claim Denials and Direction on How to Locate Medicare information on the web.**
- **Dial in to the NGS' Medicare Part B News Flash teleconference!**
- **This recurring two-hour teleconference will consist of the latest new information/changes to Medicare every **Third Thursday** of the Month.**
- **Materials will be available for download from the Events Calendar at least one day prior to the teleconference.**

Contacting the TRU Line

888-812-8905 and Press

- CT 1,
- Queens 2
- Upstate NY 3
- Downstate NY 4

No more limit of the number of claims per call

Hours of Availability:

- Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. and 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm ET

Effective 05/09/09

Faxed material will be accepted again and representatives are permitted to accept more than 3 claims per call

When requesting a reopening over the phone, you must be prepared to provide the following information:

- Beneficiary's Name
- Medicare Health Insurance Claim Number
- Your Full Name (first and last name)
- Your Phone Number
- Provider's Name
- Provider's Number
- Date(s) of Service in Question
- Reason for Request

Medicare Premiums and Deductibles 2009, 2010, 2011

- 2009
 - Monthly Part B Premium for Beneficiary \$96.40
 - Part A Deductible \$1,068
 - Part B Deductible \$135
 - Part B Coinsurance 20%
- 2010, 2011
 - No SSA COLA for Medicare beneficiaries
 - Premiums will increase for higher income **
 - Part B Deductible \$135
 - Part B Coinsurance 20%