



Opening Minds, Hands, & Hearts

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WINTER WEBINAR SCHEDULE

Webinars will be held on Thursdays (PST).

Unable to attend a webinar in person?

No problem! Purchase the CD recordings and notes via our website and watch them again and again. For additional info., visit www.chiropracticsuccesssystems.com.

California Part B Medicare

January 7, 2010 9-11 & 12:30-2:30 PST

Essential Coding for the Chiropractic Practice

Part I Jan. 14, 2010 9-11 & 12-2 PST

Part II Jan. 28, 2010 9-11 & 12-2 PST

Systems For Improving Your Collections

Part I Feb. 4, 2010 9-11 & 12-2 PST

Part II Feb. 11, 2010 9-11 & 12-2PST

California Personal Injury

Feb. 18, 2010 9-11 & 12:30-2:30 PST

California Workers' Compensation

Feb. 25, 2010 9-11 & 12:30-2:30 PST

*Dates and times subject to change without notice.



NATIONAL INFORMATION

• **Red Flag Rules Implementation Delayed AGAIN.** The new date is now June 1, 2010 and *may* exempt healthcare practices with 20 or fewer employees. Stay tuned for more.

• **DCs Are Once Again Designated as "Physicians"** in the BCBSA Federal Employee Plan which may be the template for future health care reform.

• CPT, HCPCS & ICD-9 Changes

CPT – There were many E-codes added to the 2010 CPT book and the 99358 and 99359 codes for Prolonged Physician Service Without Direct (Face-to-Face) Patient Contact codes are revised.

ICD-9 – As usual, there have been many changes. A list of the changes can be found at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ICD9ProviderDiagnosticCodes/07_summarytables.asp

HCPCS – Quarterly updates are available at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets/02_HCPCS_Quarterly_Update.asp#TopOfPage

NATIONAL MEDICARE

• **2010 Part B Deductible** is \$155

• **2010 Fees** At this time the anticipated 21% fee reduction is delayed until March 1, 2010.

• **Annual Participation Enrollment** deadline is extended to March 17, 2010.

• **Online Enrollment** – All states now allow providers to enroll online through PECOS (Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership Systems). Additional information can be found at www.cms.hhs.gov or through your Medicare Administrative Contractor.

• **Effective April 1, 2010 Two ABN Modifiers Added/Redefined** – The MLN Matters article can be found at [ww.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6136.pdf](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6136.pdf).

Modifier GX has returned. "Notice of Liability Issued, Voluntary Under Payer Policy." This modifier will be added to non-covered services only when the patient has voluntarily

signed an ABN for those services. It can be used in addition to the GY modifier.

Modifier GA has been redefined to mean "Waiver of Liability Statement Issued as Required by Payer Policy."

• **Medicare Advantage Providers Required Fraud and Abuse (FWA) Training.** Many carriers are requiring this training. In the October 22 Federal Register *Proposed* Rule, CMS stated that providers who are enrolled as Medicare providers should not be required to complete this training given that it is redundant to the Medicare enrollment requirements.

CALIFORNIA MEDICARE

• **Online Provider Services (OPS)** currently is in the demonstration phase. Once this service is approved by CMS you will be able to check eligibility, claims status and much more on line. Palmetto is hoping that will be early in 2010.

CALIFORNIA WORK COMP

• **New Mileage Rate** for medical and medical-legal travel expenses will decrease on January 1, 2010. The new rate will be 50 cents per mile. The new reimbursement form is available at www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/forms.html.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **January 24-26, 2009**

Join me at the Karl Parker Seminars in Las Vegas. I will be teaching collections, coding, and front desk modules.

Additional information can be found at

www.karlparkerseminars.com

• *Sounding As Good As You Really Are: Telephone Etiquette 101- Part II* appeared in the December 16, 2009 issue of Dynamic Chiropractic and *Part II* will appear in the February 12, 2010 issue.

