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**Attention
CMS Members!**

CMS Launches New
Electronic Publication -
[*Member Benefits Spotlight*](#)

Launch Date Set for Practice Management Community

Lift-off will take place on Monday, June 18th, 2007. Physician members of the Colorado Medical Society and their staff already subscribing to this electronic newsletter will automatically receive a separate e-mail notification of the URL, along with a user ID and initial password. This community is a secure site.

The CMS Practice Management Community is designed as an interactive tool that allows you to access news alerts, information on educational opportunities, self-help tools, resources, and discussions on practice management, coding and billing issues. The community provides you with the opportunity not only to be an observer but to also become involved by sharing your knowledge and experience. We need your ideas and feedback! Come and tour the community!

CMS.gov Clarifies Who Can Perform The HPI & CC

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has clarified that only the physician or non-physician practitioner (NPP) who is conducting the evaluation and management (E&M) visit can perform the history of present illness (HPI) and chief complaint (CC). This is physician work and shall not be relegated to ancillary staff. [Click here for complete update.](#)

What & How of PQRI by Colleen LeBourgeois, ENews Staff

On May 23rd at 8:30 am, the floodgates opened and over 100 physicians and office administrators from across the state poured in to the CMS lobby. Cheerful smiles masked weary thoughts as they anticipated the *What & How of PQRI, or How Do I Get My Bonus?* seminar. [Click here](#) to read more...

Note: Final PQRI Measure Specifications & Reporting Codes released June 1, 2007. [Click here](#) to access these & other new educational materials.

More on NPI...

NPI Data Dissemination Update - On May 30, 2007 the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published the Data Dissemination Notice in the Federal Register. This notice establishes the data that are available from the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES). In addition, this notice addresses who may have access to the data or may receive data from the system, the processes for requesting and receiving data, and the conditions under which data may be disclosed. Click [here](#) to view the entire notice.

Physicians & Other Healthcare Providers Have Until June 30th to Review & Make Changes to "Optional" Information in Their NPI Data - CMS & the AMA are encouraging healthcare providers to check out their NPI information prior to the release of the download files at the end of June. The data file was designed so that the provider's SSN, Tax ID, date/place of birth would not be part of the information that is publicly available if placed in the appropriate field on the application. However, if the provider entered his/her SSN, Tax ID or DEA number in any of the optional elements, e.g., Other Identifiers, of the application form, the information will be transmitted to any entity with access to the NPI download file. Changes can be made by accessing the NPPES website at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES>.

Statewide NPI Repository - In response to concerns raised by physicians and staff, the county and state medical societies are happy to provide you with a forum for the statewide sharing of National Provider Identifiers. To make it a success, we need your assistance. You will need to visit the site and enter your information. To encourage you to do this quickly, you will be eligible for a drawing for a free iPod if you create your practice profile by July 31st. [Click here](#) for more information.

"BROWN BAG" TELECONFERENCES



July's Topic:

*Navigating the CMS Practice
Management Community*

*Watch your e-mail for de-
tails!*

JUNE HEALTH PLAN NEWSLETTERS

Click on the links below to
access the current issues:

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"I couldn't repair your
brakes, so I made your
horn louder." - by Comedian
Steven Wright

6th Annual Mid-West Pain Management Sym- posium Retreat

The Mid-West Pain Man-
agement Symposium re-
treat is to be held Septem-
ber 27-29, 2007 in Aber-
deen, SD. [Click here](#) for
more information.

UPIN Assignment Ends 06/29/2007

CMS will discontinue assign-
ing UPINs to Medicare pro-
viders on June 29, 2007.
For further details, click
[here](#).

Commercial Insurance Updates

Aetna to Enable Faster Payments Between Members & Health Care Providers - Com-
pany to introduce payment options, including Easy Pay, to speed members' payments
for medical services. Click [here](#) for more information.

Cigna HealthPass - CIGNA HealthCare is designing a new solution called HealthPassSM
in an effort to help members manage their out-of-pocket costs and address your need
for timely collections. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Medicare Updates

Placement of the NPI on the Revised CMS-1500 (08-05) Claim Form - This article
clarifies the placement and use of the National Provider Identifier (NPI) and the Legacy
Provider Identification Number (PIN) for Revised CMS-1500 (08-05) paper claim form
submissions in Items 33A and 33B and 24J. Click [here](#)...

Required Submission of the Revised CMS-1500 (08-05) New Deadline - Providers and
suppliers must use the Form CMS-1500, version (08-05) for paper claims submission to
Medicare beginning July 2, 2007. Click [here](#) for more information.

Timely Filing Update - In order for electronic claims to be accepted into the standard
system for payment processing, the claim file needs to be received by the EDISS front-
end claims processing system by 4:30 pm (Central Time). Click [here](#) for details.

Reporting Eight Diagnosis Codes on a Paper Claim Form - Effective July 1, 2007, CMS
has mandated that Medicare Part B carrier claims processing systems capture and pro-
cess up to eight diagnosis codes on all claims. Click [here](#) for instructions.

Work Comp

Work Comp Fee Schedule Hearing Scheduled for August 6th - Click [here](#) to view the
hearing Notice & the proposed changes to Rule 16, Utilization Standards & Rule 18,
Medical Fee Schedule.

Miscellaneous

**Electronic Medical Records - Releasing Patient Medical Records by OMAP Members Sara
Burns, Carol Schlageck, & Julie Conroy** - In the wave of the future, most healthcare offices
will be incorporating electronic medical records (EMR) into their offices. In the
Wednesday, March 21, 2007 meeting of the Office Manager Advisory Panel (OMAP), the
topic of releasing EMR to attorneys and other healthcare practitioners was discussed.
The topic specifically addressed two issues: releasing medical records via e-mail, and
charging to release medical records on CD-Rom. [Click here](#) to read more...

Medicare Patient Resource - Do your Medicare patients seem confused about their
health plan benefits? If so, the Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) can
help. SHIP offers free education and counseling to people with Medicare. The Colorado
SHIP program is funded through a grant from Medicare and is headquartered in the
Colorado Division of Insurance, but there are counselors available in various locations
throughout Colorado. Consumers call 1-888-696-7213 to be connected to a SHIP counsel-
ing program in their area. Click [here](#) to learn more.

athenahealth's PayerView 2006 Annual Rankings Released - PayerView gives you un-
precedented access and insight into the current performance of the healthcare pay-
ment chain. This first-ever public review is drawn from athenahealth's industry-leading
knowledge and based on the combined efforts of payers and thousands of doctors who
use athenahealth's services. Provider efficiency, knowledge of payer billing, payer pay-
ment speeds, denial rates and adherence to Medicare standards - PayerView offers you
all this industry-leading knowledge and more. Click [here](#) to view the rankings.

How Hard Do You Work to Get Paid? - athenahealth® is hosting a Webinar to highlight
the 2007 PayerViewSM Rankings June 28th, 2007, 10:15 - 11:15 AM MDT. Click [here](#) for
more info & to register.

Are You Prepared? by *Jeri Humphries, Pandemic Flu Program Manager* - Did you know that re-
sources are available on the Web and through local medical societies to assist with emer-
gency planning for your office? Disasters can occur at any time and can range from national
events such as an influenza pandemic to a local event such as a food-borne disease out-
break. [Click here](#) to read on...



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