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Welcome to the Wesgram Online!

Welcome to the September Wesgram. This edition contains important information from Palmetto GBA and other payors. You'll also find the most recent information about ICD-10, payor updates and upcoming educational opportunities for physicians and staff.

ICD-10 Latest News

It's coming on October 1, 2015! Are you ready? Are your clearing houses and third party billing services ready? By now, you and your practice should have tested with your vendors to assess their readiness. Be sure to ask for written verification that you have been able to successfully transmit claims.

At the recent WVSMA Healthcare Summit, West Virginia DHHR Secretary Karen Bowling stated that West Virginia Medicaid is ready for ICD-10 and that all vendors and MCOs (Managed Care Organizations) have attested that they are ready. Secretary Bowling said that there are financial penalties for Medicaid vendors who are not ready.

If you have additional questions, you may contact the Office of the DHHR.

The WVSMA is doing additional training for ICD-10 on Tuesday, September 29th, with 2 specialty training sessions planned for Internal Medicine/Family Practice and Pediatrics. Click here to register for one of the sessions.

In addition, the WVSMA and PMI have combined to schedule the last live Certified Medical Coder Certification class of 2015. It will be held at the WVSMA for five consecutive Fridays, beginning on Friday, October 23. Registration information will soon be available on the WVSMA website, www.wvsma.org. Don't miss your chance to become a certified coder. Note: Upon passing the exam, attendees also be certified in ICD-10.

Click here to register for a class.
Please register quickly as the classes fill up fast!

Physicians and their staffs may have seen the "ICD-10 Countdown" on the WVSMA's website. Click here to view the countdown. CMS also has some good information for practices.

Palmetto GBA News

New Jurisdiction Name

Jurisdiction M (JM) Has Arrived! As of August 28, 2015, Jurisdiction 11 is now Jurisdiction JM. Watch for news from the new Jurisdiction!

Requirement to Complete the ICD Indicator

The ICD indicator field, which is in the top right corner of item 21, must be completed to identify the ICD-CM code set being reported. Enter either:

9 - to indicate the ICD-9 CM diagnosis code set
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When the October 1, 2014 ICD-10 implementation date was delayed, Palmetto GBA began auto populating the ICD Indicator field with a '9' on claims submitted without an indicator. Shortly before the implementation of ICD-10 on October 1, 2015, Palmetto GBA will stop auto populating the field so providers should begin submitting the correct indicator now.

Medicare Does Not Accept Retroactive Orders

Providers may not add late signatures to medical records. Medicare does not accept retroactive orders. In the event a signature is missing, the record cannot be changed. If the signature cannot be read or is missing, a signature log or attestation statement should be included.

Online Provider Services (OPS): Preventive Services Eligibility

If you want to check when your patient is eligible for his or her next preventive service, the preventive sub-tab in OPS identifies the HCPCS code noted as a preventive service.

E/M Tip: History Component - Status of Three Chronic/Inactive Conditions

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