

Carrier Advisory Committee

Meeting Update

September 9, 2009

Please find a list below of the topics discussed at the meeting. We are going to inform our membership of these topics. If any apply to a particular physician we will supply them with the LCD.

The CERT (Contractor Error Rate Tracking) will be checking for orders for tests and signed acknowledgments of the tests. The PQRI are available for review by the individual physicians and the RAC and CERTS will use them as a guideline.

RAC has completed their re-organization for Michigan and Indiana and will be looking for low lying fruits. The first of these is looking for signed notes and the degree of the person signing. EMR signature will be reviewed by the CERTS contractor. We are going to advise our members to produce a chart showing the usual initials, signed name and typed name with degree for those who are allowed to write on the chart.

There was a talk given by the RAC Director, Mary Hoffman. Some of the topics she touched upon were the fact that the organization will be looking at claims the organization will have 18 degreed (Doctors and Nurses) working for them.

CMS issues must be presented to the physician and rationale for ordering must be given. Some of these include; use of scopes, IV hydration etc.. They are allowed to look at records going back to 2007.

She seems to be a reasonable person and we have her card on file for you.

This is compatible with the MedAssurant medical record reviews which are done by BCBSM noted in The Record from September 2009 (page 18).

I would like to take some time to go over these with you because I feel that our memberships should be forewarned and prepared for the audits.

Sincerely,

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Allergy -

http://www.wpsmedicare.com/part_b/policy/files/alrg001_081909.pdf

[Allergy Testing and Allergy Immunotherapy](#)

[ALRG-001](#)
(DL30471)

Gastrointestinal - http://www.wpsmedicare.com/part_b/policy/files/gi010_081909.pdf

[Endoscopic Treatment of GERD](#)

[GI-010](#)
(DL30473)

General Surgery - http://www.wpsmedicare.com/part_b/policy/files/gsurg036_081909.pdf

[Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy](#)

[GSURG-036](#)
(DL30475)

Injections (Drugs) - http://www.wpsmedicare.com/part_b/policy/files/inj039_081909.pdf

[Luteinizing Hormone-Releasing Hormone \(LHRH\) Analogs](#)

[INJ-039](#)
(DL30479)

Neurology

[Epidural, Subarachnoid and Transforaminal Epidural Injections](#)

http://www.wpsmedicare.com/part_b/policy/files/neuro007_081909.pdf

[NEURO-007](#)
(DL30481)

[Paravertebral Facet Joint Block and Facet Joint Denervation -](#)

http://www.wpsmedicare.com/part_b/policy/_files/neuro008_081909.pdf

[NEURO-008](#)
(DL30483)

Ophthalmology

[Corneal Pachymetry - \[http://www.wpsmedicare.com/part_b/policy/files/ophth025_081909.pdf\]\(http://www.wpsmedicare.com/part_b/policy/files/ophth025_081909.pdf\)](#)

[OPHTH-025](#)
(DL30485)

Pathology

[Cytogenetic Studies - \[http://www.wpsmedicare.com/part_b/policy/files/path027_081909.pdf\]\(http://www.wpsmedicare.com/part_b/policy/files/path027_081909.pdf\)](#)

[PATH-027](#)
(DL30487)

Psychology

[Psychiatry and Psychology Services -](#)

http://www.wpsmedicare.com/part_b/policy/files/psych014_081909.pdf

[PSYCH-014](#)
(DL30489)

[Health and Behavior Assessment/Intervention -](#)

http://www.wpsmedicare.com/part_b/policy/files/psych015_081909.pdf

[PSYCH-015](#)
(DL30514)

[Psychiatric Partial Hospitalization Program \(PHP\) -](#)

http://www.wpsmedicare.com/part_b/policy/files/psych016_081909.pdf

[PSYCH-016](#)
(DL30491)

[Psychiatric Inpatient Hospitalization -](#)

http://www.wpsmedicare.com/part_b/policy/files/psych020_081909.pdf

[PSYCH-020](#)
(DL30441)

[Electroconvulsive Therapy \(ECT\) -](#)

http://www.wpsmedicare.com/part_b/policy/files/psych025_081909.pdf

[PSYCH-025](#)
(DL30493)

Pulmonary

[Electromagnetic Navigation Bronchoscopy \(ENB\) -](#)

http://www.wpsmedicare.com/part_b/policy/files/pulm007_081909.pdf

[PULM-007](#)
(DL30510)

Radiology

[Vertebroplasty \(Percutaneous\) and Kyphoplasty -](#)

http://www.wpsmedicare.com/part_b/policy/files/rad032_081909.pdf

[RAD-032](#)
(DL30516)

