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Medicare and Medicaid Recovery Auditor Newsletter

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If there are any RAC concerns that need to be addressed with CGI, HMS, Truven Health Analytics, OMPP or CMS, please contact Dave Wiesman, IHA Vice President, at dwiesman@IHAconnect.org or 317-423-7741.

Medicaid RAC

On April 11th, IHA meet with OMPP, Truven Health and HMS regarding an update on the Indiana Medicaid RAC activity. Current activity is related to Acute Care Hospitals and Long Term Care Nursing Facilities. The NF reviews are desk reviews of detailed financial history reporting. HMS continues to complete credit balance reviews for acute care hospitals. The schedule for credit balance reviews is annually for small to mid-size hospitals; bi-annually for large hospitals; and three times per year for larger groups.

The 2013 DRG validation audits did not seem to be very robust and they did not have any outcome information to share. However, they are going to begin data mining for potential automated findings where an improper payment can be identified clearly. OMPP would be notified of the area of concern before proceeding. Hospitals will be given the opportunity to refute the findings before any dollars would be recouped.

HMS and Truven continue to be open to having good communication with providers and encourage providers to contact them if they have any questions.

In addition, the Medicaid Managed Care Entities (MCE) have been encouraged to contract their individual recovery audit activity. It is our understanding that some of the MCEs have done so.

There has not been any new RAC information posted to the IndianaMedicaid.com website, however, they did say that they were working on an update. The website address is <http://provider.indianamedicaid.com/about-indiana-medicaid/program-integrity/medicaid-rac.aspx>.

CGI News

CGI has expanded the capability to view issues on the “New Issue” page. Providers can expand the number of views per page, export the entire list of issues to excel and have the ability to sort and filter.

CGI continues to communicate with the MACs regarding therapy reviews in order to improve timeliness of medical records received and making determinations.

AHA News

AHA filed a new lawsuit this month against the Department of Health and Human Services for the provisions in the controversial and contentious two-midnight rule. AHA contends that the rule “undermines medical judgment and disregards the level of care needed to safely treat patients”. Many believe that this is another uphill battle however; it is a voice for hospital advocacy.

CMS News

There is no new news on the RAC procurement process.

New Issues Posted to the CGI RAC B Website in April – all are automated:

Issue Name: Cetuximab Medical Necessity OPACF_WPS
Claim Type: OACF
Issue Type: Automated
Issue Number: B000282014

Issue Name: Cetuximab Medical Necessity OP (CGS)
Claim Type: Outpatient
Issue Type: Automated
Issue Number: B000292014

Issue Name: OP Cardiovascular Nuclear Medicine Correct Coding J15 (CGS)
Claim Type: Outpatient
Issue Type: Automated
Issue Number: B000182014

Web-sites

Region A RAC: <https://www.performantrac.com/Default.aspx>

Region B RAC: <https://racb.cgi.com/Default.aspx>

Region C RAC: <http://www.connolly.com/healthcare/pages/ApprovedIssues.aspx>

Region D RAC: <https://racinfo.healthdatainsights.com/Public1/NewIssues.aspx>