

ADVISORY GROUP MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date and Time: July 12, 2023, 10:00 a.m. CT

Facilitator: Sarah Barbian, JC POE Sr. Analyst

CGS Representatives: Sarah Barbian, Angie Cooper, Jerry Holt, Liliana Hewlett

Advisory Group Members: Tamela Branch, Brandon Dressen, Sharon Briggman, Dana Douglas, Natalie Gonzalez, Thomas Harvill, Crissy Hill, Angela Hollie, Leigh Anne Matthews, Julie Risner, Charles Robinson, Jen Willingham, Jennifer Weather

Agenda

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. News & Updates
- III. Website Updates & Feedback
- IV. POE Educational Activities
- V. Feedback & Suggestions/Open Discussion
- VI. Upcoming 2023 Meeting Dates

I. Welcome and Introductions

Sarah welcomed the group to the meeting and introduced new members. Sarah reviewed the primary function of the POE AG and reminded members to complete the survey every quarter (found on the website).

II. 2. News & Updates

Sarah provided the following updates and asked for feedback about this education:

- Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs) and Policy Articles for Enteral Nutrition, Parenteral Nutrition, Osteogenesis Stimulators, and Seat Lift Mechanisms were revised to include the KX, GA, GY, or GZ modifiers, effective for dates of service on or after July 2, 2023. CGS published an article about this update: <https://www.cgsmedicare.com/jc/pubs/news/2023/06/cope140783.html>.
- The Local Coverage Determinations and Policy Articles for External Infusion Pumps, Intravenous Immune Globulin, and Nebulizers were revised to include a revised definition of the JW modifier and addition of the JZ modifier, effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2023. CGS revised an article about the JZ modifier: <https://www.cgsmedicare.com/jc/pubs/news/2023/02/cope134488.html>.
- In addition to the JW and JZ modifier, the External Infusion Pump LCD and PA was revised with two additional HCPCS codes and the JK and JL modifiers to comply with Inflation Reduction Act insulin coinsurance cap. CGS published an article addressing billing instructions for the JK and JL modifiers: <https://www.cgsmedicare.com/jc/pubs/news/2023/03/cope136303.html>.

- The Oral Anti-Cancer Drugs Policy Article was revised with added diagnosis codes that support medical necessity.
- CMS issued a National Coverage Decision (NCD) that establishes coverage for power seat elevation for power wheelchairs, effective May 16, 2023. Information about coverage of these items will be included in future updates to the Wheelchair Options/Accessories and Power Mobility Devices LCDs and LCD-related policy articles. CGS posted an article: <https://www.cgsmedicare.com/jc/pubs/news/2023/06/cope140085.html>.
- Post COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) Education Updates: CGS held two Ask the Contractor Meetings (ACMs, formally ACTs) on May 8 and May 12, 2023, and provided a total of six webinars to address Post Covid-19 PHE. CGS posted collaborative questions and answers and an Online Education Course (OEC) titled, "Post Covid-19 Public Health Emergency." CGS also provided a dedicated email for supplier's inquires about Post Covid-19 PHE, which has only received a few inquiries.
- CGS revised or added the following Dear Physician Letters: Insulin for Insulin Infusion Pumps, Sleep Test Scoring and Medicare, Therapeutic Shoes for Persons with Diabetes, Medicare Coverage of Immunosuppressive Drugs, Electronic Health Records and Addenda, Medicare Record Authentication- Tips for Physicians, Medicare Prior Authorization Condition of Payment for Group 2 Pressure Reducing Support Surfaces, and Negative Pressure Wound Therapy.
- Members discussed the effectiveness of sending suppliers Dear Physician Letters. Angie advised members could also utilize the Medicare Learning Network (MLN), Collaborative Patient Care is a Provider Partnership." <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/Downloads/Caring-for-Medicare-Patients-is-a-Partnership.pdf>.
- CGS updated the following Documentation Checklists: Enteral Nutrition and Osteogenesis Stimulators.

III. Website Updates & Feedback

- Members discussed latest updates for the myCGS Web Portal.
- Members expressed the Designated Approver updates make using myCGS more user friendly.
- Sarah asked members if they had utilized the new MBI Lookup in myCGS since the addition of Google reCAPTCHA to reduce abuse. Members indicated they had not experienced any issues when using this extra layer of security.
- CGS published two new tools, "New Rental Period Decision Tree" and "Specialty Evaluation for Wheelchairs Look-Up Tool." The Specialty Evaluation for Wheelchairs Look-Up Tool will be



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updated when Wheelchair Options/Accessories and Power Mobility Devices LCDs and LCD-related policy articles are revised.

- CGS added a series of Charts, “Know the Roles for Provision of Therapeutic Shoes for Persons with Diabetes Certifying Physician.” Sharon indicated these charts were helpful.
- CGS posted two new articles,
 - Ventilator Resources: <https://www.cgsmedicare.com/jc/pubs/news/2023/07/cope141353.html>
 - “Same/Similar Resource List: <https://www.cgsmedicare.com/jc/pubs/news/2023/06/cope141118.html>.
- Sarah asked that members provide feedback if the CGS Search Engine does not return expected results.

IV. POE Educational Activities

Sarah led discussions on the following activities:

- The DME MAC Jurisdictions B & C held a comprehensive workshop in Milwaukee, WI on July 13, 2023.
- On August 31, 2023, CGS will host a Mega Workshop in Nashville, TN.
- CGS plans to host a comprehensive workshop in Traverse, Michigan in September 2023.
- In November 2023, CGS plans to host two mega workshops: one in Charlotte, NC and the other in Columbus, OH.
- CGS is presenting a collaborative A/B MAC and DME Surgical Dressings webinar on August 23, 2023.

V. Feedback & Suggestions/Open Discussion

Sarah discussed past suggestions and resolutions.

- Sarah advised that CGS was considering A/B MAC education regarding the hospice election statement addendum. Sarah also reported that all Part A MACs have various education on their websites about the addendum.
- The surgical dressing session was replaced with a commode session for the Fort, Lauderdale, Florida workshop.
- Sarah informed members that adding an alert for deactivated Medicare Beneficiary Identifiers (MBIs) is not allowed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) because suppliers should verify this information from their beneficiaries. Angie suggested members should use the myCGS Eligibility Tab prior to claim submission to ensure they have the correct MBIs.
- Charles thanked CGS for updating the revision date for the Dear Physician Letter: Electronic Health Records and Addenda.
- Brandon suggested making the CGS Connect™ tab on the myCGS website more prominent, which is currently being worked on. Julie asked if CGS Connect™ will also include the E0471. The E0471 will be advertised/added to CGS Connect™ this month.
- Sarah asked members to continue to think and provide ideas to enhance CGS's educational efforts.

VI. Upcoming 2023 Meeting Dates

October 11, 2023

Meeting Adjourned