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Summary: Dr. Robert Hoover, Medical Director for CGS Administrators, Jurisdiction C DME MAC concludes his series on Positive Airway Pressure (PAP) with information on documentation to support the interpreting physician's credentials when submitting claims to Medicare

>Hello and welcome to another edition of Medicare Minute. I'm Dr. Robert Hoover, medical director at CGS Administrators, the Jurisdiction C DME MAC. This is the second installment of a 2-part series on the Positive Airway Pressure Devices or PAP local coverage determination and the policy requirements for the physician interpreting the qualifying sleep test. In part 1, I covered the basics to understanding board certification. In part 2, I'll cover how suppliers may document this requirement.

>So in the case of an audit, what is required of a supplier to document the interpreting physician's credentials?

>There are multiple methods for confirming the interpreting physician's credentials. On your screen now you'll see some examples of various documents used to verify credentials. The first is a listing from the American Board of Sleep Medicine listing ABSM certification status. The next example is from one of the member boards of American Board of Medical Specialties. In this case, the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. Finally, the 3rd example is a copy of the physician's board certificate.

>As noted in the examples just shown, there are several web sites that have credential verification information. Suppliers may provide screen prints from one of these sites with information about the interpreting physician's credentialing status.

>Shown on the screen now are the names and web site addresses for organizations that maintain sleep medicine credentialing information. Note that the first organization listed is for verification of a sleep lab's accreditation by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine.

>Whichever verification method is used, whether it's a web site or an actual copy of the physician's certificate, it must clearly indicate board certification in Sleep Medicine, not just board certification in their primary specialty like pulmonary medicine or cardiology.

>Finally, for physicians who pursue active staff membership in a credentialed sleep lab, a letter from the sleep lab's medical director confirming the interpreting physician's current staff membership status and the sleep lab's credentialing organization is sufficient.

>That does it for this edition of Medicare Minute. As with all of CGS' educational offerings, this is only a summary of certain policy requirements. I encourage you to read the applicable LCD and related Policy Article for a complete description of the coverage, coding and documentation requirements.

Thank you for watching and have a nice day.

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