

*The minutes below are a summary of the Advisory group meeting topics, group discussion, actions, and outcomes as a result of this meeting.*

## MEETING DETAILS

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**Date:** December 3, 2013

**Facilitator:** Patsy Schwenk, Provider Outreach and Education (POE), CGS

**Attendees:**

- Teleconference
  - Dave Dillahun. OH Hematology/Oncology Society
  - Bob Swinehart, OH Physical Therapy Network
  - Michael Ranney, OH Psychological Association
  - Jenny Berkshire, Wright State Physicians
  - Ruth Lander, OH Medical Group Management Association
  - Gail Pfeiffer, Cleveland Clinic Foundation
  - Elayne Biddlestone, Academy of medicine of Cleveland and Northern Ohio
  - Beth Cesta, Premiere Health Care Services
  - Pat Mahoney, Ohio State University Medical Center
  - Randy Lefler, Ohio Association of Ambulatory Surgical Centers
  - Luann Nitz, Midwest Community Health Associates
  - Cindy Alexander, CompuNet Clinical Laboratories
  - Sally Streiber, University Hospitals of Cleveland
  - Regina Shorts, MetroHealth Medical Systems
  - Jimelle Rumberg, Ohio Podiatric Medical Association
  - Deanna Cruser, POE, CGS
  - Vanessa Williams, POE, CGS
  - Juan Lumpkin, POE , CGS
  - Melissa Kress, POE, CGS
  - Cari Phillips, POE, CGS

## AGENDA ITEMS

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### CGS Departmental Updates

- Suggestions for PCC training topics
  - The POE team participated in PCC training in November 2013. We presented our current Medicare Update presentation to the group so they are familiar with what providers are hearing in our seminars. We plan to continue to actively participate in these training sessions in 2014.
  - One suggestion discussed in the meeting was additional training on the difference between CPT Category 3 codes and regular CPT codes. CSRs seem to be unfamiliar with the Category 3 codes.

- Another suggestion was to remind the PCC of the process for faxing additional documentation to accompany an initial claim. Some CSRs seem unfamiliar with the process.
- If future topics come to mind, please e-mail one of the POE team members with your topics.

### New Business

- POE-AG Membership Drive
  - Phase 1 of our membership drive is now complete. We have received responses from the majority of our current POE-AG members as to whether they wish to continue on with the POE-AG in the future.
  - Phase 2 will be underway shortly. We will be posting an announcement on our website and will send the same via ListServ to solicit potential new members to supplement our current advisory group.
  - New members will be invited to join our regular quarterly POE-AG meetings beginning in 2014.
- 2014 Final Rule
  - CMS issued the 2014 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule on December 2, 2013. It is available for review and comment at: [http://www.ofr.gov/\(S\(b3vidzthohrf3g44xmwwl2jf\)\)/OFRUpload/OFRData/2013-28696\\_PI.pdf](http://www.ofr.gov/(S(b3vidzthohrf3g44xmwwl2jf))/OFRUpload/OFRData/2013-28696_PI.pdf)
  - The POE-AG commented on the negative update to the Conversion Factor and the portion of the Final Rule that addresses incident to guidelines.
  - As additional details from the Final Rule are issued, we will post on our website and via ListServ.

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- N/A

### Announcements and Reminders

- Phase II Ordering and Referring Denial Edits to be implemented effective January 6, 2014. See: <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/SE1305.pdf>
- PQRS: Providers must report at least one PQRS measure in 2013 to avoid the 1.5% payment reduction in 2015. See: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/PQRS/index.html>
- Value Based Modifier: The 2014 Final Rule issued more detail on this topic. There was a CMS National Provider call to address the Value Based Modifier and the implications of the Final Rule on December 3, 2013.

The Affordable Care Act mandated that, by 2015, CMS begin applying a value modifier under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS). Both cost and quality data are to be included in calculating payments for physicians. See: <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeedbackProgram/ValueBasedPaymentModifier.html>

- Physicians in groups of 100 or more eligible professionals who submit claims to Medicare under a single tax identification number will be subject to the value modifier in 2015, based on their performance in calendar year 2013.

- All physicians who participate in Fee-For-Service Medicare will be impacted by CMS' emphasis on reporting quality data through PQRS and, by 2017, will be affected by the value modifier.

### Upcoming Educational Events

- 2014 Educational Event Plan/Ideas and Small Provider Venues: The POE team will be meeting this month to finalize plans for education in 2014. We currently use libraries to host most of our small provider workshops. If anyone has any suggestions on alternative locations, please email one of the POE team members.
- Provider Enrollment/Revalidation Education: POE is working closely with Provider Enrollment to offer education on the revalidation process. We have recently hosted two Ask the Contractor Teleconferences on this topic and will plan to offer additional education in 2014.
- New Provider Webinar Series: We continue to host monthly webinars geared toward new providers and staff. This month, the topic is the Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN).
- Proposed Updates to CGS website: CGS will be updating our website soon in an effort to categorize information into "buckets" or topics. We have begun a preliminary review of the current website to determine how best to categorize certain information.
- Education upon request: <http://www.cgsmedicare.com/ohb/education/TrainingRequest.html>

### 2014 POE Advisory Group Meeting Schedule

- Next Meeting: February 11, 2014- Columbus, OH
- May 13, 2014- Columbus, OH
- August 12, 2014- Columbus, OH
- November 11, 2014- Teleconference only

### Roundtable/Questions

- A member asked about the status of the consolidation of the MACs, specifically the contract that includes Kentucky and Ohio. CGS just started Option Year 3 of a 5-year contract for J15. The next rebid of this contract will include the states of Michigan and Indiana, in addition to Kentucky and Ohio, and will become JI.