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### **MEDICARE REVALIDATION**

Approximately every five years, providers need to revalidate their Medicare enrollment. The Medicare Contractor will send revalidation notices by mail three to four months prior to the due date. Make sure you let PPR know and forward the correspondence to us if you would like us to process your revalidation. If you do not revalidate by the due date your enrollment will be deactivated and your claims will be denied. Once that happens there may be a gap in payments.

### **MEDICAL RECORD AUDITS**

There are several reasons to perform an audit of your medical records. Inappropriate coding, opportunity for reimbursement, and incorrect use of codes to name a few. It's suggested that each provider in a practice have several records audited each year. Call PPR if you would like our AAPC (American Academy of Professional Coders) certified auditor to audit your records. A detailed written report as well as a follow-up session is included with each audit.

### **MEDICARE BENEFICIARY IDENTIFIERS (MBIs)**

Help us to collect your payments faster. Please make sure to ask each patient for their new Medicare ID card. As of January 1, 2020 all claims regardless of date of service are being rejected if the new MBI is not on the claims. If you don't send us the new MBI numbers then PPR will attempt to find and submit the new MBI, but it can cause a delay in the processing and payment of your claims.

### **WOUND REPAIR CODING CLARIFIED**

To accurately code for wound repair three elements must be considered:

1. Complexity or depth wound, layered closure,
2. Location or location of the body part being repaired, and
3. Wound Length or the size of the repair.

Other consideration could be multiple repairs. Carefully review the CPT codes in your updated codebook to be sure you're choosing the correct code. If you would like you can send your record to PPR for review of your coding.

And remember, we're here to help you. Don't hesitate to call at any time for any reason.