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PPR NEWS: New forms may be heading your way!

If you submit claims to Railroad Medicare, you unfortunately need to be re-registered for electronic claims submission due to a change in submitter id.   Our staff will be sending the paperwork to you – please respond promptly to avoid any delays in reimbursement.

AUDITING NEWS: Why the OIG looks at your E/M services

The Office of the Inspector General studies billing patterns.   They have determined that almost 30% of Medicare Part B payments are for evaluation and management services; 42% of those E/M services were coded in error, 19% lacked documentation.   Remember a claim should not be submitted until the documentation is affixed to the medical record

DOCUMENTATION NEWS: "Reviewed" is not sufficient documentation

When billing evaluation/management services, documentation stating "Family History Reviewed" is insufficient to satisfy documentation requirements.   Both the 1995 and 1997 documentation guidelines specify, "A Review of Systems (ROS) and/or a Past, Family and Social History (PFSH) obtained during an earlier encounter does not need to be re-recorded if there is evidence that the physician reviewed and updated the previous information. The review and update may be documented by:

➢ Describing any new ROS and/or PFSH information or noting there has been no change in information
➢ Noting the date and location of the earlier ROS and/or PFSH.

At minimum, the provider reviewing the record would want to document verbiage such as "Family History reviewed from [date of previous visit] is unchanged."

REIMBURSEMENT NEWS; Are you participating in the BCBS PGIP?

The BCBSM Physician Group Incentive Program reimburses members at greater than 100% of the standard fee schedules. PGIP is open to MDs, DOs, DPMs, DCs, and fully licensed psychologists. Practitioners must joint a a PGIP participating physician organization (PO) to be eligible for the program. More details, as well as a listing of the POs, can be found in The Record, at

http://www.bcbsm.com/newsletter/therecord/2016/record_0616/Record_all_articles.shtml