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MACVPR meeting minutes

January 19, 2010

Baltimore Washington Medical Center

In attendance: Pam Peitz, Debra Franckowiak, Senie Mentis, Linda Price, Joe LeDoux, Kay Underwood, Debra Lund, Lisa Gerberg, Sara Stees, Kaitlin Watts, Mary Beth Linthicum, Kristen Fletcher, Cecily Ludka, Nancy Bauknight, Anne Headrick, Preeti Benjamin, Carol Zemanick, Heather Neal

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by President Sara Stees

Treasury Report: Mary Beth Linthicum reported that we currently have \$12,393.79 in the account

State Conference Update:

- Linda working on sponsors, have many interested including Cardiac Science, Scottcare, Zoll, Vioses. Working on Fitness Resource, Phillips, Plavix, Lifesensing
- Cecily handling the non-profit vendors
- Pam passed around the suggested agenda for the conference
- Dwayne Scott will be handling all AV needs that day
- Discussed getting students and interns more involved in conference and MACVPR as a whole
- Towson (Scott Fidler) to prepare and donate folders
- Pam handling speaker contracts, CEU;s, mailing list, brochure(Sara to help with brochure)
- Lisa Gerberg to inquire about dietician and PT mailing lists
- Joe LeDoux will submit application for PT CEU's (Pam to e-mail him info)

New CMS Guidelines reviewed by Debbie Lund:

Cardiac Rehab

- Session must be minimum of 31 minutes
- Must have individualized treatment plan (ITP) every 30 days(from date of initial visit) on each patient signed by a physician (not an NP or PA), does not specify which physician
- Cardiac rehab must occur in regulated space to meet the physician supervision requirement (otherwise a physician must be immediately accessible)
- Can bill for both 93798 and 93797 (providing your finance dept has set up charges for 93797) however that will count toward the total visit number of 36. Can put modifier on charge to prevent two co-pays in same day. Medicare patients will have to pay the co-insurance on both.
- The rule requiring patients to see the doctor during the program has been eliminated

For cardiac rehab, each patient must have an initial signed referral and exercise prescription. They then need a treatment plan updated every 30 days (regardless of number of visits) signed by the physician that shows progression towards goals. The discharge summary must be signed by a physician. Both the initial assessment and the final discharge summary must include outcomes.

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CMS Guidelines continued

Pulmonary Rehab

- There is a new code for COPD: G0424. This is a bundled code and is the only code to be used for COPD diagnosis. May charge up to 36 sessions. Duration of treatment must be minimum of 31 minutes. Two sessions can be charged in the same day if duration of treatment is at least 91 minutes. Both sessions must include exercise component.
- Physical therapy and occupational therapy charges can no longer be used in pulmonary rehab
- Diagnosis other than COPD should continue to use the G codes used in the past under the "old system". Highmark will work on writing an article on this since there is no policy currently.
- Do not charge for pulse ox each time a patient comes in-only if it is justified by change in oxygen administration or condition
- Every patient needs to have an individualized treatment plan (ITP) every 30 days signed by the physician showing progression towards goals.
- Make sure that the amount you charge for the various G codes when added together for a visit is close to the charge for the bundled COPD code

Upcoming Events

Day on the Hill:

- March 3rd and 4th, 2010 in D.C.
- Volunteers to go include Debbie Lund, Sara Stees, Kristen Fletcher, Pam Caldwell and Jeanne Ruff

Program Directors Meeting

- March 5, 2010 in Washington D. C. (info on AACVPR website)

National ACSM meeting

- In Baltimore this year in May

World Heart Games

- Decatur, GA May 14th-15th, for more information contact Kaitlin Watts @ kwatts3@bwmc.umms.org

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am. Next meeting to be held March 9th at 9:30am at Baltimore Washington Hospital.

Submitted by Pam Peitz, RN, MS, MACVPR secretary

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