

Unpaid Claims Piling up?



*Contact SCCMA's
Reimbursement
Specialist,
Sandie Becker, for
Assistance With:*

- Carrier failure to process "clean claims" in accordance with State law.
- Habitual downcoding
- Treatment authorization and subsequent denial
- Payment inconsistent with payer contract
- Coding guidance

Palmetto GBA News

Palmetto Addresses Claims Issues

Many physicians have been experiencing erroneous and incorrect denials on their Medicare claims since the transition to Palmetto GBA. Palmetto has posted information regarding this issue and is asking providers to check out their website www.palmettogba.com/j1b. Once on the J1 Part B homepage, click on "Alerts", then "J1 Part B Claims Issues." This will take you to a list of current system-related claims processing issues for J1 Part B providers. The list provides information on the situation or problem that has occurred with claims, the affected providers that are impacted (i.e., Northern California, Hawaii, Nevada etc.), and the status of the problem. This list is continually updated and providers are encouraged to check back often for updates before contacting the Provider Contact Center (PCC) at 866/931-3901.

New ICD-9 Codes Effective October 1

You may download the New, Deleted, and Revised ICD-9-CM Codes - Summary Tables at:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/ICD9ProviderDiagnosticCodes/07_summarytables.asp

These codes are effective on and after October 1, 2008. There is no grace period for using these codes so your claims will be rejected if you're not current.

Medicare Preventive Services Quick Reference

Download Medicare's Preventive Services Quick Reference Information: Part B Immunization Billing (Influenza, Pneumococcal, and Hepatitis B) at:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/qr_immun_bill.pdf