



North Star Medical Billing Changes in 2007

Mastering Medicare, Billing, Coding & Compliance

Happy Spring!!

First and foremost we would like to thank all of our providers for your continued business with us! Our goal is to provide for you the best possible billing and practice management services we can. That being said you will see many changes from us in the coming years. All allowing us to better serve the needs of our providers!

On May 1 & 2nd we attended a conference, the first in an ongoing series. The conference was held by the Medical Management Institute & taught by John Beard a certified Medicare Compliance Instructor. This publication

will be dedicated to the topics covered at the conference and the changes our company will make to remain compliant and to attain maximum reimbursement for our providers.

One of the most important things we can do as a company is to keep all of you abreast of the most current changes and trends in the industry. While we have providers of many different specialties we have tried to input something for everyone within this newsletter. What does apply to all of us is Compliance. As of November 2007 Tara Miller and Becky Schafnitz will both have the titles of CPC- Certified Reg-

istered Coder & RMC- Certified Medical Coder. These Certifications are very important to us as a company as Medicare recommends employing certified coders. You can read more on this topic on page 4. Please enjoy the publication!



Compliance and Continuing Education..... the wave of our future together!

The 2007 OIG Work Plan

The mission of The Office of the Inspector General is to protect the integrity of programs like Medicare & its beneficiaries. These duties are carried out by nationwide audits, investigations & inspections. Each year a work plan is published outlining the

areas the OIG will be targeting. The 2007 list is as follows (we listed the topics pertinent to our providers, a complete list is available on their website www.oig.hhs.gov

Billing Service Companies, PT & OT Services, Duplicate

Physical Therapy Claims, Cardiography & Echocardiography Services, Evaluation of "Incident To" Services & Place of Service Errors. We will keep you posted on any new topics with relation to their findings through out the year.

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- Medicare Changes
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- Physician Billing trends
- Audit Risks
- Compliance Plans
- Continuing Education
- We will be CPC Certified!!