

**Hawaii Carrier Advisory Committee Meeting Notes
The Pacific Club, Card Room
1451 Queen Emma St.
Honolulu, HI 96813
Friday, February 12, 2016**

Attendees:

Erlaine F. Bello, MD
Tom Duran
Robert Kistner, MD
Franklin Lau, OD
Spencer Lau, DO
William Loui, MD
Janice Matsunaga, MD
Jay Shepherd, MD
Joy Murakami, MD
Laeton Pang, MD
Will Scruggs, MD
Myron Shirasu, MD
Jared Sugihara, MD
Byron Wong, MD
Melvin Wong, MD

Infectious Disease
CMS
Peripheral Vascular Surgery
Optometry
Osteopathy
Medical Oncology
Dermatology
Radiology
Managed Care Organizations HMSA
Radiation Oncology
Emergency Medicine
Internal Medicine
Nephrology
Ophthalmology
Neurology

Noridian Staff:

Patty Holton, RN
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CERT Team Leader
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Chair

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- Welcome and Introduction of Members and Guests:**
Members provided self-introductions.
- Approval of Meeting Notes from October 9, 2015**

There were no suggested additions or corrections to the meeting notes.

3. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

There was no CMS report given but handouts from CMS were provided in the CAC material emailing regarding Electronic Health Record (EHR) incentive programs and exceptions tips.

4. The following Draft LCDs were discussed – Comment Period Ends April 10, 2016:

- MolDX: Biomarkers in Cardiovascular Risk Assessment
- Benign Skin Lesion Removal (Excludes Actinic Keratosis, and Mohs)
- Intensity Modulated Radiation Therapy (IMRT)
- MolDX: HLA-DQB1*06:02 Testing for Narcolepsy
- MolDX: Chromosome 1p/19q Deletion Analysis
- Total Hip Arthroplasty
- Total Knee Arthroplasty
- Treatment of Males with Low Testosterone

Dr. Lurvey discussed the seven draft policies and comments were received. Dr. Lurvey reminded all CAC members that the comment period is open through April 10, 2016. Please send comments and any peer-reviewed medical literature which supports the recommendations.

Comments **must** be submitted in writing or email to the address below before any policy may be amended.

Noridian Healthcare Solutions LLC JE Part B Contractor Medical Director(s)
Attention: Draft LCD Comments
PO Box 6783
Fargo, ND 58103-6783

Or by email to policyb.drafts@noridian.com.

5. CERT- Patty Holton, RN

- Patty highlighted a few sections of the Medicare Fee For Service 2015 Improper Payments Report found at <https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/Medicare-FFS-Compliance-Programs/CERT/CERT-Reports-Items/Downloads/AppendicesMedicareFee-for-Service2015ImproperPaymentsReport.pdf>
 - Please note Table A3 *Improper Payment Rate Categories by Percentage of 2015 National Improper Payments (Adjusted for Impact of A/B Rebilling)*. Patty pointed out that 67% of the national error rate is attributed to insufficient documentation and 17.3% is attributed to medical necessity.
 - Patty also highlighted Table A4 *Improper Payment Rates and Projected Improper Payments by Claim Type and Over/Under Payments (Dollars in Billions) (Adjusted for Impact of A/B Rebilling)* which reflects an overpayment rate of 12.4% and underpayments of .3%.
 - Tables F1 *Top 20 Types of Services with No Documentation Errors* and G1 *Improper Payment Rates by Service Type: Part B* are also worth reviewing.

- Providers are encouraged to contact Patty or Marion for any concerns or questions regarding CERT claims.

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6. Noridian Education and Provider Relation

Jean Matsushita, CPC, addressed the following topics from her PowerPoint presentation provided in the CAC meeting materials:

- Reminder of the Ask the Contractor Teleconference (ACT), 04/20/2016
 - One hour call with various Noridian departments to answer questions
 - May submit prior questions up to 5 days before the ACT call
 - Toll free and no registration (see agenda for the teleconference number)
- Revision of place of service code set: Added POS 19, Off Campus Outpatient Hospital and revised POS 22, On Campus Outpatient Hospital
- Details of Lung Cancer Screening with Low Dose Computed Tomography (LDCT)
- Advanced Care Planning (ACP): 99497, 99498
- Noridian Medicare Portal Replaces Endeavor: State by state rollout
- Office of Inspector General (OIG) 2016 Work Plan – see PowerPoint presentation for link
- Education may be requested from Noridian website
- Website Satisfaction Survey – continue to provide constructive/complimentary feedback to improve website functionality

7. Medical Director Report- Dr. Lurvey

The PowerPoint presentation was sent to all CAC members and included the following topics:

- ICD - 10 has been effective now for four months. NCDs and LCDs require accurate full coding whereas all other claim submissions requires only coding of the correct family of codes. 98-99% of Part A claims are being accepted and 95-97% of Part B claims are being accepted so all indications are that the implementation from the payer side is going smoothly.
- Potential Part B Physician Fee Schedule reduction of target established by statute is not met. For CY 2016 the net reduction in expenditures was .23% and the overall reduction was .77%. The conversion factor for 1/1/16 is \$35.829 which is at about .29% reduction from 2015. The presentation contains a slide providing the estimated impact on total allowed charges by specialty.

- Dr. Lurvey briefly discussed Medicare’s annual wellness visit, transition care management, advanced care planning and meaningful use as it relates to the ACP.

8. Other Noridian Healthcare Solution Meetings

- The next Hawaii CAC Meeting: June 3, 2016
- The next Part B Open Public Meeting: June 2, 2016
- The next Ask the Contractor Teleconference: April 20, 2016 (800-553-5260)

9. The Hawaii CAC Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Arthur Lurvey, MD, FACP, FACE
Contractor Medical Director

Date