Now More Than Ever, You Need the Regulation, Accreditation, and Payment Practice Group (RAP PG)

Why should you join the RAP PG? Well, besides the obvious “cool” factor that our “RAP” name provides, our PG is an indispensable tool in the new era of health care reform and increased fraud enforcement.

Here are just a couple of reasons why you should join:

❖ The Medicare and Medicaid regulatory, reimbursement and enrollment landscapes are ever changing. Tracking these changes, as well as understanding the basics of these landscapes are central to the mission of the RAP PG, and is critical to your representing health care clients efficiently and effectively.

❖ Some of these recent changes are the direct result of the Affordable Care Act, which ushered in a paradigm shift in the way health care is reimbursed in this country. Many of the major reforms, programs, and changing regulations continue to evolve and develop, including bundled payment systems, Accountable Care Organizations, and various pay-for-performance programs such as value-based purchasing programs.

❖ Evolution and development of these reforms will only continue to multiply as we go forward. In fact, the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation, which is a center within the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), was specifically charged with redesigning reimbursement systems across all categories of providers and suppliers. RAP PG will help you track and understand these developments as they unfold and affect our clients’ operations and bottom lines.

❖ CMS has recently proposed sweeping changes to Medicare’s Provider Based Regulations, as well as various enrollment and enforcement tools. The RAP PG was there to help you digest these proposed changes and understand their potential impact to your clients. The RAP PG will again be there when these proposed rules, and others, are finalized and will again serve you by digesting them and explaining their reach into your clients operations.

❖ CMS fraud enforcement, a legion of government contractors, including Zone Program Integrity Contractors, Recovery Audit Contractors, and Unified Program Integrity Contractors, are conducting aggressive enforcement and recoupment activities against your clients. The RAP PG will help you stay on top of developments in fraud enforcement.
RAP PG offers a wide variety of resources to its members to keep pace with complex regulatory, reimbursement and enrollment rules and rapidly evolving developments, including:

❖ Monthly membership calls that include a discussion of a recent health care regulatory, reimbursement or enrollment matter, as well as a review of recent and future RAP activities;

❖ Dozens of discounted webinars a year covering a full range of Medicare topics;

❖ Email alerts regarding important legislative, regulatory, judicial, and administrative developments;

❖ Periodic newsletters (the “RAP Sheet”) that provide a more in-depth look on selected reimbursement topics;

❖ Special member briefings, and

❖ “Toolkits,” such as the 340B Toolkit; Medicare and Medicaid Provider Enrollment Toolkit; Provider-Based Status Toolkit; EMTALA Toolkit; or Graduate Medical Education and Indirect Medical Education Payments for “Non-Provider” Site Training Toolkit.

For those health law topics that cross over several Practice Groups, task forces are established to produce collaborative, substantive resources for the benefit of the sponsoring Practice Groups’ members. RAP PG members are automatically enrolled in the Accountable Care Organization, Behavioral Health, and Health Care Reform Task Forces.

We’re always looking for new ways to showcase the substantive depth that our group has to offer, and to that end, our Accreditation, Certification, and Enrollment Affinity Group (ACE AG) continues to deliver outstanding benefits to our members. Enrollment in ACE AG is exclusive and free to RAP PG members!

So don’t get left behind in this crucial regulatory arena. Join RAP PG today!

Sincerely,

RAP PG Leadership

The First Step is to Join

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