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RAC Update and New Issues for 2018

Webinar #T5025

DATE AND TIME

March 6, 2018

12:30 - 2:00 p.m. CT

OVERVIEW

This workshop is devoted to reviewing the current status of Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) activities along with due consideration to the new contracts, scope of works, and various RAC approved issues.

Included in this program will be recent events surrounding the RACs and the backlog of appeals at the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) and Medicare Appeals Council (MAC) level. OMHA has proposed several different ways to address their enormous backlog of appeals including statistical extrapolation, settlement conferences, and administrative agreements. One of the main issues is that of medical necessity for inpatient admissions. The inpatient issues have sparked the development of the 'Over 2-Midnights' rule. CMS has also proposed changes to the appeals process in order to expedite the resolution of the backlog of appeals. The expansion of the RACs to the Medicare Advantage Programs is still in the works with the Risk Adjustment Data Validation (RADV) with a concentration on both comprehensive and condition-specific issues.

TARGET AUDIENCE

All personnel involved with patient status including physicians, clinical personnel, utilization review staff, compliance and management personnel, coding/billing employees, and all others involved with inpatient admission and observation services.

OBJECTIVES

1. Discuss the current status of the RAC program.
2. Identify the different SOWs for five regions.
3. Define the role of the administrative law judges (ALJ and the Medicare Appeals Council (MAQ.)
4. The CMS proposed changes in the appeals process.
5. The settlement process and administrative agreements.
6. Analyze the 'Over 2-Midnights' Rule and the sub regulatory guidance being issued including QIO involvement.

FACULTY

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