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Medicare 201: Beyond the Basics

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

In college, therapists and assistants get very little education and training in the business and compliance aspect of outpatient physical, occupational and/or speech therapy services. If they do, it is usually limited to the basics of CPT coding, documentation and perhaps, some billing. This webinar will focus on topics that “veteran” therapists and assistants as well as recent graduates may not know and/or completely understand.

This webinar will discuss the following topics:

- How does CMS determine the payment for each CPT code
- How is the multiple procedure payment reduction applied and how does it impact your payment
- CQ and CO therapist/therapy assistant modifiers
- When to and when not to issue an advance beneficiary notice of noncoverage (ABN)
- How does the annual Medicare Part B deductible impact the annual therapy threshold
- Explain which Medigap plans cover the annual Part B deductible and 115% limiting charge for nonparticipating providers
- Describe how Medicare Advantage (MA) plans reimburse therapists who are not enrolled in the MA plan
- Recite when you can bill Medicare for outpatient therapy for a Medicare beneficiary in hospice
- Differences and benefits of enrolling as a participating provider vs a nonparticipating provider in Medicare
- Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program

OBJECTIVES:

At the conclusion of this webinar presentation, participants will be able to:

1. Discuss how CMS determines payment for each CPT code
2. Describe how the multiple procedure payment reduction policy reduces payment to outpatient therapy providers
3. Recognize when to apply the CQ or CO modifier to a CPT code on the claim form
4. Identify when it is and is not appropriate to issue an ABN to a Medicare beneficiary
5. Recite how the annual Medicare Part B deductible impacts the annual therapy threshold dollar amount
6. Explain the different Medigap plans and which plans cover the annual Medicare Part B deductible
7. Discuss the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program and its impact on your payment for outpatient therapy services
8. Describe how Medicare Advantage (MA) plans reimburse therapists who are not enrolled in the MA plan
9. Recite when you can bill Medicare for outpatient therapy for a Medicare beneficiary in hospice
10. Explain the differences between enrolling as a participating provider vs a nonparticipating provider
11. Restate the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary program and its financial impact on a therapy visit

ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Rick Gawenda, P.T., graduated in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy from Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Gawenda is currently the President and founder of Gawenda Seminars & Consulting, Inc. and Director of Finances for Kinetix Advanced Physical Therapy Inc., a private practice located in southern California. He has provided valuable education and consulting to hospitals, rehabilitation agencies, private practices, nursing homes, and his peers in the areas of CPT and ICD-10 coding, billing, documentation, reimbursement, and compliance as it pertains to outpatient therapy services as well as denial management and the appeals process for Medicare denied claims. Mr. Gawenda's website, www.gawendaseminars.com, provides a valuable source of information on rehabilitation rules and regulations, coding, documentation, and reimbursement.

Mr. Gawenda is a member of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and Michigan Physical Therapy Association (MPTA). Mr. Gawenda is the Past President of the Section on Health Policy & Administration of the APTA as well as Past President of the Michigan Association of Medical Rehabilitation Program Administrators.

Mr. Gawenda is also the author of "The How-To Manual for Rehab Documentation: A Complete Guide to Increasing Reimbursement and Reducing Denials" and "Coding and Billing for Outpatient Rehab Made Easy: Proper Use of CPT Codes, ICD-9 Codes and Modifiers".

WHO SHOULD LISTEN:

Physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, speech-language pathologists, private practice owners and practice administrators, billing companies, office managers at private practices, as well as compliance officers, risk managers, directors, managers, supervisors, and billers in skilled nursing facilities, hospital outpatient therapy departments, rehabilitation agencies, and comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facilities.

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