



FLORIDA SOCIETY OF CLINICAL ONCOLOGY FAX BLAST – July 12, 2007

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Gerardo Colon-Otero, MD

Do you have questions about PQRI? Then please plan to attend one of the Regional Conferences listed below under Events which are being provided by FLASCO and supported by Astra Zeneca. Also, please remember, your staff is invited to attend these very important conferences. **PLEASE REGISTER IMMEDIATELY - - AZLogistics@lashgroup.com – Attention Reetta Pitcher – mentioning which conference you will be attending.**

FIRST COAST SERVICE UPDATES (Florida Medicare Part B)

- **New 7/5/07** [Deadline for NPI Updates/Changes/Deletions \[PERL 200706-40\]](#)

http://www.floridamedicare.com/partb_whatsnew_Deadline%20for%20NPI%20Updates_Changes_Deletions.asp

Reporting on the 2007 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative Begins

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is pleased to announce that reporting for the 2007 Physician Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) on claims for dates of service as of July 1, 2007, has begun. Eligible professionals may now start participating in the PQRI by simply reporting the appropriate quality measure data on claims submitted to their Medicare claims processing contractor.

Remember, all your informational needs can be met by visiting the PQRI Web site at

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PQRI>. Here you will find educational resources, including the PQRI Tool Kit, and links to our most frequently asked questions (FAQs).

CMS also announced the proposed rule that would establish new policies and payment rates for physicians and other providers who are paid under the Medicare physician fee schedule. Included in the proposed rule is important information directly related to 2008 PQRI. To view or download the proposed rule, visit <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/center/physician.asp>, click on CMS-1385-P, then go to page 402 of the document.

National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) Errors

Please review the new MLN Matters article on, “Important Information for Provider/Suppliers Regarding National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) Errors, using the NPI on Medicare Claims and 835 Remittance Advice Changes.”

The article can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0725.pdf>.

CMS UPDATES:

Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Update

CMS has announced the scheduled release of modifications to the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code set. This release includes 2 new modifiers required on claims billing Erythropoiesis Stimulating Agents (ESA) for in-center dialysis patients, in addition to 3 new modifiers required on claims billing ESAs for all non-ESRD related indications. These are necessary to implement the revisions to the ESA Monitoring Policy and the anemia reporting requirements of the 2006 Tax Relief and Health Care Act (TRHCA) respectively. These changes have been posted to the CMS Web Site at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/HCPCSReleaseCodeSets/02_HCPCS_Quarterly_Update.asp (View the first download under “Other-Codes.”) The 5 new modifiers are effective on January 1, 2008. There are no new changes in this update effective October 1, 2007.

ACCC:

DID YOU KNOW – that as a member of FLASCO you are also automatically a member of ACCC and are entitled to enjoy all the benefits offered by ACCC.

MGMA AOHA:

FLASCO congratulates new affiliate member Nancy Payne, CMPE, Cancer Centers of Florida in Orlando, on being elected Vice President of MGMA AOHA for a term effective November 1, 2007.

FLASCO MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

FLASCO extends a warm welcome to the following new members:

Dimitrios Agaliotis, MD – Jacksonville	Jeffrey Harris, MD – Jacksonville
Augusto Villegas, MD – Jacksonville	John Wingrad, MD – Gainesville
Elisabeth McKeen, MD – Palm Beach Gardens	Nikesh Jassani, MD – Jacksonville
Diely Pichardo, MD – Melbourne	Peyman Salimi-Tani, MD – Jacksonville
Shalin Shah, MD – Jacksonville	James Chingos, MD – Jacksonville
Carlos Alemany, MD – Ocoee	Hadi Yaziji, MD – Miami
Nancy Payne, CEO, Cancer Centers of Fl – Ocoee (Affiliate Member)	

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP/SPONSORSHIP: (January 1 – December 31, 2007)

FLASCO Members extends a big thanks to all of our 2007 Corporate Members/Sponsors

<u>PLATINUM</u>	<u>GOLD</u>	<u>SILVER</u>	<u>BRONZE</u>
Astra Zeneca	Cephalon Oncology	Genomic Health, Inc.	Oncology Pharmaceutical Services
Genentech	Pharmion Corporation	Talecris Biotherapeutics	
Oncology Supply/ION	OSI Pharmaceuticals	Millennium	
Sanofi-Aventis	GlaxoSmithKline	Celgene	
Bristol-Myers Squibb	Roche	Novartis	
Eli Lilly	Pfizer		
Bayer/Onyx	Amgen		
Ortho Biotech			
Abraxis Oncology			

FLASCO EVENTS:

July 23 – Regional Conference – Tampa Airport Marriott Hotel – 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

July 24 – Regional Conference – Orlando Marriott Downtown - 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

July 25 – Regional Conference – Jacksonville Marriott– 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

July 26 – Regional Conference – Marriott Harbour Beach, Ft. Lauderdale – 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

July 27 – Regional Conference – Marriott Airport Miami – 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

July 31 – August 4, 2007 – Mayo Clinic's 17th Annual Hematology/Oncology Reviews – The Ritz Carlton, Amelia Island – visit: www.mayo.edu/cme for additional information and registration

Sept. 13-16, 2007 – Joint Cancer Conference – The Breakers, Palm Beach

November 9-10, 2007 – FLASCO Fall Meeting – Rosen Shingle Creek – Orlando

March 7-8, 2008 – FLASCO Spring Meeting – Tampa Airport Marriott Hotel

November 7-8, 2008 – FLASCO Fall Meeting – Location TBD

OTHER EVENTS:

The 2007 Annual Meeting of FRS FRBMA, (Florida Radiological Society...Florida Radiology Business Management Association) will be held on July 13-15, at the Ritz Carlton in Sarasota. To register please visit the following site:

<http://www.flrad.org/meetings.asp>

The Florida Association of Pediatric Tumor Programs will hold its 30th Anniversary Annual Seminar at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando from November 15-17, 2007. To register please visit the following Web Site: www.fapt.org

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