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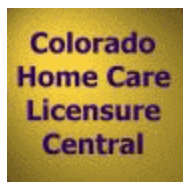
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Your Dues Working For You: Licensure & Medicaid Update

This edition of the *HCAC Management Report* features an update on Colorado's home care licensure rule-making process PLUS the latest information on billing for dual eligible clients and other Medicaid news.

Home Care Licensure Advisory Committee discussions on October 15th covered license classification and fee schedules. In addition, the committee discussed business practices, information management, relocation, and residential facilities. No firm decisions were made on any topics

HCAC "Home Care Licensure Central" Website



Read the latest discussions and draft licensure rules at HCAC's "Home Care Licensure Central." This new web page is designed to allow member access to as much information and activity as possible related to the developing home care agency licensing program. Save in your favorites!

[Click here](#) for the Member Only "Home Care Licensure Central"

The Department of Public Health & Environment has requested input from the home care industry regarding the proposed rules that are being crafted. In the coming days, HCAC needs your input regarding the draft rules because many of the proposed rules have the potential to adversely affect the home care community. Please include your innovative ideas regarding a licensure fee structure as well.

Please review the proposed documents that are posted on HCAC's Member Only licensure web page (see left column) and submit comments via e-mail by October 27th to Ellen Caruso at ecarus@assnoffice.com. HCAC's representatives on the advisory committee will present compiled ideas and comments to the Department for review.

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Dual Eligible Billing Discussed on Oct. 14th Phone Conference

The Dept. of Health Care Policy & Financing facilitated a long-awaited phone call with CMS Region VIII and Colorado home care agencies on October 14th.

Quick Links...

- [Wound Care: Elizabeth Hogue, October 23rd Audio-Conference](#)

- [Cahaba on Billing Dual Eligible Clients](#)
- [Cahaba Resources](#)
- [Read all about HCAC's Annual Convention in Vail](#)
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HCAC first requested this meeting last December following the department's surprise announcement in the provider bulletin that there had been a change in procedure for billing dual eligible clients. In March, HCAC testified before the State Board of Medical Services and asked the board's support in a resolution. Since then, multiple meetings and phone calls have been held to encourage the department to understand provider concerns about expected delays in payment when required to bill Medicare first for services to clients who clearly do not qualify for the Medicare home health benefit (i.e. not homebound).

It was clear from the conversation on Oct. 14th that CMS supports HCPF's authority as well as its November 2007 decision to require agencies to submit a demand bill to Medicare prior to billing Medicaid for Medicare / Medicaid dual eligible patients. HCAC protested HCPF's announcement to make the enforcement and possible recoupment of funds retroactive to November 2007.

Meanwhile, Cahaba has announced that it will host an educational session on Nov. 6th to assist providers in the billing process in an effort to make the delay in payment as short as possible. (See next article.)

HCAC continues to work on all issues of disagreement that surfaced during the meeting especially whether an agency can bill another payer when the patient reaches goals prior to day 60 of the episode. [Click here for HCAC's background statement on this topic.](#)

Cahaba to Host Educational Session on November 6th

Cahaba has announced that it will conduct an educational teleconference on the coverage and billing of Medicare home health services in response to the changes required by Colorado's Medicaid organization with regard to dual eligible beneficiaries. The call will be held on Thursday, Nov. 6th at 9 to 11 a.m. Mountain Time.

[Click here to register!](#)

If you are unable to access the registration page using the above link, please log on to the [Calendar of Events](#) and click on the hyperlink for the November 6th event.

After registering, an e-mail confirmation will be

sent to the e-mail address provided in the registration form. Participants should also be aware that Cahaba will send a link to the handout materials to registrants a few days before the event. Participants should download or print a copy of the handouts prior to the beginning of the call.

Participants needing assistance with registration or other issues can call Jodi at (515) 471-7335.

More Medicaid News: CNA/PCP Task Chart & Web Portal

CNA-PCP Guideline:

The Colorado Dept. of Health Care Policy & Financing recently reminded Colorado home health agencies that the document entitled "Guidelines for CNA-PCP" is meant to guide agencies in discerning between CNA and PCP tasks; however agencies also need to continue to adhere to program rules and regulations.

Liz Svedek, Program Administrator for Home Health, Hospice and Private Duty Nursing at HCPF, said "Some agencies were confusing the roles between CNAs and PCPs and some were using this document verbatim for PCP assignment with no further explanation or definition." The document has been removed from the HCPF website.

In the meantime, HCAC's CNA/PCP Task Chart Task Force has been working on recommendations to the chart that will align it with the CNA scope of practice and Board of Nursing regulations. Once the chart has been revised it will be circulated to the Board of Nursing and Dept. of Public Health & Environment survey division for review before being published for HCAC members. (See background article in *Management Report*, 8/27/08.)

HCPF Medicaid Web Portal:

In answer to an HCAC member's tip that the secured site top navigation button could not be seen on the Department's new web site, Liz Svedek responded that the problem is caused by the user's browser setting. The text size is too large, therefore, the far right top navigation buttons are not showing.

The browser setting needs to be changed as follows: In the web browser window, go to "Page" or "View", select "Text Size" and select "small." This will reduce the text size of the browser content and allow the top navigation items to appear including the "Secured Site" button at the far right.

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