



*Opening Minds, Hands, & Hearts*

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## WINTER WEBINAR SCHEDULE

No more sitting in commute traffic, overnight stays, or time away from your practice and family.

Can't attend a Webinar in person? No problem! You can purchase the CD recording and notes via our website and watch them over and over again.

### Essential Coding for the Chiropractic Practice

**Part I** Jan. 29, 2009 9-11 & 12-2 PST

**Part II** Feb. 5, 2009 9-11 & 12-2 PST

### Systems For Improving Your Collections

**Part I** Feb. 12, 2009 9-10:30 & 12-1:30 PST

**Part II** Feb. 19, 2009 9-10:30 & 12-1:30 PST

### California Part B Medicare

Feb. 26, 2009 9-11 PST

Mar. 5, 2009 12:30-2:30 PST

### California Personal Injury

Feb. 26, 2009 12:30-2:30 PST

Mar. 5, 2009 9-11 PST

### California Workers' Compensation

Mar. 12, 2009 9-11 & 12:30-2:30 PST

\*Additional information regarding the content and registration information will be available on our website by January 15, 2009  
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\*Dates and times subject to change without notice

**NEW!**

## SYSTEMS FOR BUILDING A SUCCESSFUL PRACTICE

Training for you and your entire team available 24/7. Our popular "Systems for Building a Successful Practice" seminar will be available on DVD in January.

The training package includes all seminar notes and actual video of Chiropractic Assistant trainer **SHERRY HODGE** demonstrating proper first visit and report of finding procedures and proper scripts for scheduling, and handling missed appointments, patients who arrive early and late, collecting money, and much more.

### SAVE \$130 ON OUR DVD SEMINAR NOW UNTIL FEBRUARY 13!

For a limited time, you can pre-order your DVD for just \$227! Order through our online store at [www.chiropracticssuccesssystems.com](http://www.chiropracticssuccesssystems.com). Regular price of \$357 resumes on February 14, 2009.

## NATIONAL MEDICARE

- **2009 Part B Deductible** – will remain \$135.00
- **2009 Fees** – As previously reported, you should be receiving a fee increase of approximately 1.1 percent. The 2009 fees should be available on your carrier's website.
- **Internet Based Enrollment** – is now available in 24 states. PECOS (Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership Systems) allows providers to enroll, make changes to their Medicare enrollment, view their enrollment information on file with Medicare, and check on the status of their enrollment application. All states should be able to use this service within the next several months. Additional information can be found at <https://www.pecos.cms.hhs.gov>.

## GENERAL INSURANCE

- **2009 ICD-9 – Headaches** – There are many new codes, revised codes and new categories and subcategories pertaining to headaches available this year. The codes begin with 339.0. To find a complete list visit <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/dataawh/ftpserv/ftpICD9/ftpICD9.htm>
- **2009 CPT Changes** – The following sections have new or revised texts and or the codes have been revised.
  - Prolonged Physician Service With Direct (Face-To-Face) Patient Contact
  - Modifier 21 has been deleted. To report prolonged physician services, see 99354-99357.

## CALIFORNIA MEDICARE

- **Paper Remittance Advices** (aka EOBs) in some cases will not be mailed to you unless you request them. If you would like to receive them by mail, fax your request to Palmetto. The request must be sent on your letterhead

stationary and contain your PTAN and NPI numbers as well as the provider's name, address, phone and fax numbers and must be signed by the provider. I have been given two fax numbers (803) 935-0008 and (803) 870-8035.

## CALIFORNIA WORKERS' COMPENSATION

- **Mileage Rate for Medical and Medical Legal Travel** – will decrease on January 1, 2009. It will be 55 cents per mile for travel on or after January 1, 2009 regardless of the date of injury. Get forms at [www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/forms.html](http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/forms.html).
- **Sunset on Vocational Rehabilitation**. A reminder that as of January 1, 2009 the program will no longer be authorized and workers will not be entitled to vocational rehabilitation benefits or services after the program's sunset date. Additional information can be found at [www.dir.ca.gov/dwc](http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc).

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- January 15, 2009  
**NOTICE OF CANCELLATION:** My presentation on Medicare for the CCA Alameda County District has been canceled.
- If you need Medicare training please visit the store on our website where you can purchase the California Part B Medicare Package.
- Join me in Las Vegas at the Karl Parker Seminars January 22-24, 2009. I will once again be presenting Collection Essentials on Thursday and Coding and Medicare on Saturday.
- My most recent article on Time Management, "Take Time to Make Time Part I", will appear in the February 12, 2009 issue of *Dynamic Chiropractic*.