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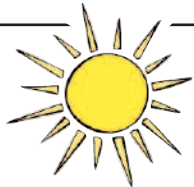
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LATE SUMMER WORKSHOP SCHEDULE



All seminars will be held on Tuesdays in California at the San Ramon Courtyard by Marriott.

Practice Building Basics	
September 5, 2006	9:00-4:30
Insurance Basics	
September 12, 2006	8:30-5:30
Cash Basics & Advanced Collections	
September 26, 2006	9:00-4:00
Codes, Fees & EOBs	
October 3, 2006	9:00-1:00

Registration begins August 12, 2006.
 Dates, times and locations are subject
 to change without notice.



NEW CMS-1500 FORMS

(Previously known as HCFA-1500)

• CMS has announced that there will be a revised CMS-1500 form by the end of this year. The new form will be called CMS-1500 (08-05). According to their notice it will be ready on October 1, 2006, but not will be required until February 1, 2007.

One of the reasons for the new form is to accommodate the National Provider Identifier (NPI) which will be mandatory for all providers on May 23, 2007. You can apply for your NPI at: <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov> or call (800) 465-3203.

If you do not have the latest version of your billing software, you will need to get an upgrade or if necessary start shopping for new software now.

Don't order more of the current CMS forms than you can use before the end of the year. There are a lot of great deals on the current forms because they have to make room for the new ones.

CALIFORNIA WORKERS' COMPENSATION

• The new "Notice of Personal Chiropractor or Personal Acupuncturist" (DWC Form 9783.1) is available online at: www.dir.ca.gov/dir. The form gives a brief explanation of the new laws for pre-designation of Chiropractor and the entire law can be found on the website.

• If you have not visited this website lately, you should. They have added several handouts for injured workers providing them with information on QMEs, AMEs, permanent and temporary disability benefits, a glossary of Worker's Compensation terms, and answers to questions about utilization review. They also have a lot of forms available for free such as the First Report, Applications for Adjudication, Declarations of Readiness to Proceed, Notice and Request for Allowance of Lien, and many more.

2006 NEW CPT CODES FOR ORTHOTICS FITTING & TRAINING

DELETED (Note that these changes do not apply to the California OMFS)

97504 Orthotic(s) fitting and training, upper extremity (ies), lower extremity (ies), and/or trunk, each 15 minutes-to report use 97760

97703 Checkout for orthotic/prosthetic use, established patient, each 15 minutes-to report use 97762.

NEW (Note that these changes do not apply to the California OMFS)

97760 Orthotic(s) Management and training (including assessment and fitting when not otherwise reported), upper extremity(s), lower extremity(s) and/or trunk, each 15 minutes

97762 Checkout for orthotic/prosthetic use, established patient, each 15 minutes

PRACTICE TIP- BLUE CARD ELIGIBILITY

If you have a patient who has Blue Cross, Blue Shield or Blue Cross/Blue Shield and you don't know who to call to verify benefits, you can now call the Blue Card Eligibility Transfer Center at (800) 676-2583 and based on the 3 letter prefix they will direct you to the office which can answer your questions.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- "Chiropractic: Why I'm Still Around — What You Can Do to Create Life Time Patients and Chiropractic Assistants" will appear in the July 16, 2006, issue of *Dynamic Chiropractic*.
- September 14-17, 2006 — Join me in Las Vegas at the Karl Parker Seminars. I will be conducting the Insurance/Collection classes for CE units.
- October 6-8, 2006 — Join me in Anchorage, Alaska for *The Alaska Chiropractic Society 2006 Convention*.



Keeping a Watchful Eye on the California Chiropractic Industry