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MESSAGE FROM FLASCO PRESIDENT: Gerald Robbins, MD

We are excited to report that the new FLASCO Office had its first visitor last week – Thanks Tony Savine, from Pfizer, for stopping by and seeing our Executive Director.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Florida Academy of Physician Assistants (FAPA) for winning the 2010 AAPA Constituent Organization Award in the Large Chapter Category. Atlanta Marriott Marquis to receive this prestigious award. FAPA has won this Award 3 out of the 4 past years. FAPA will receive a \$2500 check for winning this award!

Congratulations also go to Nova Southeastern-Southwest PA Program located in Fort Myers, FL for winning the Outstanding Student Society Award for the second year in a row! Also, FAPA Immediate Past President, Marc McCollaum was awarded the SAAAPA Outstanding Student Society Faculty Advisor for the second year in a row too!

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Final Dues Notices were sent out approximately one month ago. **PLEASE NOTE:** If your **dues have not** been received by **June 8**, your membership will be terminated. If you have questions, please contact Dorothy in the FLASCO Office.

2010 FLASCO Business of Oncology Summit

The 2010 FLASCO Business of Oncology Summit will be held in Tampa on October 2, 2010. If you have not already done so, please provide Dorothy at the FLASCO Office (Dorothy.Green@flasco.org) with topics that you would like to have considered for this Summit - what topics would be helpful to you in your practice? What topics would make you attend this Summit?

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE: Erin Dunbar, MD, Chm.

The Florida Medical Association was successful in its efforts to exempt medical malpractice premiums from Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund (Cat Fund) assessments for another three years. Most property and casualty insurance policies in Florida are subject to an assessment of up to 10 percent ultimately paid by policyholders if the Cat Fund runs short of money to pay its claims. In fact, as a result of the damage caused by the four hurricanes that hit Florida in 2005, the CAT fund levied an assessment that continues today. Due to the FMA's intense lobbying efforts, physicians have not had to pay this assessment, resulting in thousands of dollars of savings.

FCSO UPDATES:

Fee schedule lookup changes coming soon Part A & B

The zero percent (0%) update to the 2010 Medicare physician fee schedule has been extended through legislation until May 31. Because of uncertainty regarding the update factor after that date, First Coast Service Options' fee schedule lookup tool is temporarily unavailable.

To better serve you, the fee schedule lookup tool is being redesigned. An improved lookup that will provide payment policy indicators, links to applicable local coverage determinations for most Medicare-covered procedure codes, and fee information is coming soon. Until then, please refer to the fee schedule [data files](#) section to obtain allowances in either PDF or compressed (zipped) tab-delimited format.

Billing news

July quarterly update to Correct Coding Initiative Edits

Modified: 5/27/2010 Location: FL, PR, USVI Line of Business: Part B

This article is a reminder for physicians of the quarterly updates to Correct Coding Initiative edits. The last quarterly release of the edit module was issued in April 2010. [MM6930] http://medicare.fcso.com/Billing_news/170685.asp

Banking transition update

Modified: 5/26/2010 Location: FL, PR, USVI Line of Business: Part A, Part B

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services recently awarded new banking contracts to U.S. Bank and JPMorgan Chase. Due to these changes, your Medicare payments may be made by a different bank than in the past. No action is required by the provider. [PERL 201005-31]

Claim submission guidelines

Manual update regarding billing for discarded drugs or biologicals

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This MLN Matters article has been revised to clarify that Medicare contractors may require the use of modifier JW. Claims submitted to FCSO do not need to include modifier JW to identify the properly discarded unused drugs and biologicals. [MM6711] http://medicare.fcso.com/Claim_submission_guidelines/169677.asp

Period for submitting claims to Medicare reduced to not more than 12 months

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The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has released MLN Matters article MM6960 to advise providers who submit claims to Medicare contractors of the changes to the timely filing limits for submitting claims for Medicare reimbursement. [PERL 201005-33] http://medicare.fcso.com/Claim_submission_guidelines/170669.asp

Fee schedule news

Holding of June 2010 claims for services paid under the 2010 MPFS

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The zero percent update to the 2010 Medicare physician fee schedule (MPFS) continues through May 31. Contractors are instructed to hold claims containing services paid under the MPFS (including anesthesia services) for the first 10 business days of June. [PERL 201005-38] http://medicare.fcso.com/Fee_news/170701.asp

Revised 2010 MPFSDB payment files and other retroactive provisions

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The MLN Matters article was revised on May 24 to show that Medicare's implementation date for using the new payment files is no later than June 1. All other information remains the same. [MM6973] http://medicare.fcso.com/Fee_news/170153.asp

General coverage

July 2010 HCPCS update:

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This article was revised on May 27 to correct the long description for HCPCS Code Q2025 on page 2. The description was corrected to show 1mg. Also, reference to code WW141 was deleted. All other information is the same. [MM6809] http://medicare.fcso.com/General_coverage/170683.asp

ICD-10

New additions to the CMS ICD-1- website section

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Providers may now learn of updates to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) "ICD-10 Latest News" page automatically. [PERL 201005-34] <http://medicare.fcso.com/ICD-10/170641.asp>

MLN MATTERS UPDATES:

New:

MM6929 – Updated Form CMS-1500 Information

<http://www.cms.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6929.pdf>

Revised:

MM6809 – Quarterly Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Code Changes – July 2010 Update
<http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/MM6809.pdf>

MM6782 – Dialysis Adequacy, Infection and Vascular Access Reporting
<http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/MM6782.pdf>

MM6711 – Discarded Drugs and Biologicals Updates
<http://www.cms.gov/MLN MattersArticles/downloads/MM6711.pdf>

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY:

20th Annual Mayo Clinic Hematology/Oncology Reviews

Thursday July 29th – Saturday July 31st, 2010

The Ritz-Carlton Amelia Island, Amelia Island, Florida

Get Updated and Connected

11th Annual Fellows' Research Presentations

Register online: www.mayo.edu/cme/hematology-oncology/index.html

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP/SPONSORSHIP: (January 1 – December 31, 2010)

FLASCO Members extend a big thanks to all of our 2010 Corporate Members/Sponsors (Companies listed below have either paid 2010 dues or have submitted letters of intent)

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FLASCO MEETINGS:

October 2, 2010 – FLASCO Business of Oncology Summit – Tampa

November 5-6, 2010 – FLASCO Fall Meeting – Miami

April 15-16, 2011 – FLASCO Annual Meeting & Spring Session - Tampa

OTHER MEETINGS/WEBCASTS

October 7-10, 2010 The Association of Physician Assistants in Oncology (APAO), 13th Annual APAO Conference, The Ritz Carlton – Amelia Island, Florida **For more information, please visit www.focus-ed.net/apao**

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