

Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside What's New Archive 2014

September 22, 2014

A new training document titled "Upcoming Enhancement to the Workers' Compensation Medicare Set Aside Portal (WCMSAP) for Collection of Prescription Drug Information" has been posted to the Downloads section at the bottom of this page.

August 19, 2014

A new informational alert titled "Notice of Upcoming Enhancement to the Workers' Compensation Medicare Set Aside Portal (WCMSAP) Regarding Collection of Prescription Drug Information" has been posted to the Downloads section at the bottom of this page.

June 3, 2014 – Updated WCMSA Reference Guide is Now Available

An updated Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside Arrangement (WCMSA) Reference Guide is now available in the Downloads section found at the bottom of this page.

The following sections of the Guide have been enhanced or added:

- 4.1.4 – Hearing on the Merits of the Case: Section added to reflect the April 22, 2003 WCMSA RO Memorandum (Question # 5).
- 9.4.4 – Medical Review – Step 8: Clarification of submission requirements for medical records and payment records.
- 10.8 – Section 40 – Payment History: Updated requirements for denied conditions.
- 9.4.6.2 – Pharmacy Guidelines and Conditions:
 - Removed reference to Drug Tables for physician dispensed drugs.
 - Consolidation of Drug Tapering and Drug Weaning sections.
- 10.5.2 – Use of WC Fee Schedule vs. Actual Charges for WCMSA: Wisconsin added to list of states with no Workers' Compensation fee schedule.
- 10.7 – Section 35 – Medical Records:
 - Removed two year requirement of medical records for unrelated to work injury.
 - Clarified treating physician statements requirements.
- 10.8 – Section 40 – Payment History- Requirements for denied conditions.

April 10, 2014 – New WCMSA Self-Administration Page Now Available

A new **WCMSA Self-Administration** page has been added to the **Workers Compensation Medicare Set-Aside Arrangement** section of CMS.gov. The new page contains information for individuals who choose to self-administer their WCMSA accounts. Materials available on the new page include:

- New Self-Administration Toolkit for WCMSAs
- Account Expenditure for Lump Sum Account (Attestation Letter)
- Account Expenditure for Structured Annuity (Attestation Letter)
- Transaction Record Sample
- WCMSA Reference Guide

February 11, 2014 - WCMSA Re-Review Expansion

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is seeking comments on the proposed expansion of the Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-Aside Arrangement (WCMSA) re-review process. CMS would like to receive comments on all aspects of the proposal, including the timeframe, threshold, and reasons for granting a WCMSA re-review. To see the proposed expanded re-review process and find out how to submit your comments, go to the downloads section at the bottom of this page and click on the *WCMSA Re-review Expansion* link.

February 5, 2014 – Implementation of the Benefits Coordination & Recovery Center

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has completed the restructuring of the Coordination of Benefits (COB) and Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) recovery activities.

COB activities for both Group Health Plans and Non-Group Health Plans (that is, liability insurance (including self-insurance), no-fault insurance, and workers' compensation laws or plans) and Recovery activities for Non-Group Health Plans have been fully transitioned from the COB contractor and the Medicare Secondary Payer Recovery Contractor to the new Benefits Coordination & Recovery Center (BCRC). Contact information for the BCRC is on the **Contacts** page of the COB&R Overview section.

January 29, 2014 – Use of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) 2009 Life Tables

CMS will begin referencing the CDC's Table 1: Life Table for the total population: United States, 2009, for WCMSA life expectancy calculations on March 31, 2014. A link to the CDC's 2009 Life Tables may be found in the Related Links section near the bottom of the page.