



Hope your summer is off to a great start. We have some catching up to do let's jump right into it...

Collection Tip of the Month

This month we are going to cover physician liens and what you need to know to properly file one.

At the bottom of this article, I have attached a link that will take you to the specific Illinois legislation if you want to read the entire house bill, but following are the key points that you need to know:

Every health care professional (Doctor, PT, etc...) or provider (hospital, EMT, Surgery Center, Long-term care facilities, etc...) that provides services in the treatment, care, or maintenance of an injured person (except services rendered under the Workers' Compensation Act) shall have a lien on claims of the injured person for the amount of the health care providers reasonable charges up to the date of payment of damages to the injured person.

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The lien shall be in writing and include the following information:

- Name and address of the injured person
- The date of the injury
- The name and address of the health care provider
- The name of the party alleged to be liable for the injury Bill for services rendered

The lien notice shall be served on both the injured person (and their attorney) and the party against whom the claim exists (and their attorney, insurance company). You should send the information by registered or certified mail.

Upon written request or subpoena, either party shall be permitted to examine your medical records in regards to the specific injury. You must comply within 20 days after receiving written request.

When it comes to disbursement of the settlement, the Act creates two categories; health care professionals and health care providers. No individual category may receive more than 33% of the settlement. If the total amount of all liens meets or exceeds 40%; all the liens of the health care professionals shall not exceed 20% and all of the liens of the healthcare providers shall not exceed 20%. Payments shall be made directly to the health care professionals and providers.

For more go to...

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/97/HB/09700HB3206.htm>

Industry News

Health Care Law Increases Payments to Doctors for Primary Care

Primary care providers received additional Medicare payments in 2011; will receive boost in Medicaid funding in 2013 and 2014.

Primary care physicians serving Medicaid patients would see their Medicaid payments rise under a proposed rule announced on May 9, 2012, by Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius. The increase would bring Medicaid primary care service fees in line with those paid by Medicare. The boost would be in effect for calendar years 2013 and 2014. States would receive a total of more than \$11 billion in new funds to bolster their Medicaid primary care delivery systems.

Sebelius also announced that, in 2011, more than 150,000 primary care providers nationwide received almost \$560 million in higher Medicare payments. The proposed rule would implement the Affordable Care Act's requirement that Medicaid reimburse family medicine, general internal medicine, pediatric medicine, and related subspecialists at Medicare levels in 2013 and 2014. The increase in payment for primary care is paid entirely by the federal government with no matching payments required from the states.

The announcement comes shortly after Sebelius announced Affordable Care Act grants to help build and expand community health centers across the country.

How Can I Earn CEU's By Attending a CDA Seminar?

Many of you belong to various professional medical office management associations and are looking for industry professionals to conduct a seminar at your local or state meetings.

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If you are interested in learning more about how you can bring our seminar to your association, please call Dave or Tony.

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Chef Dave's Kitchen

Dave's Family Pasta

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 3 toes of garlic
- 4 slices of bacon diced
- 1/2 cup of brandy
- 1 quart marinara sauce
- 1-1/2 cups heavy cream
- 1 lb. of rigatoni
- 3/4 cup grated Romano cheese
- salt & pepper

Brown bacon, set bacon aside, save grease. Brown garlic and onions in the bacon grease. Deglaze the pan with brandy. Simmer 2 minutes. Add marina sauce and heavy cream. Simmer 4 minutes. Add the cooked pasta tossed to coat. Add Romano cheese and salt & pepper to taste.

Goes great with grilled chicken or Italian sausage.

All the best,

Tony

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