

MSA	Urban area (Constituent counties)	Wage index
8920	Prince William, VA. Spotsylvania, VA. Stafford, VA. Warren, VA. Berkeley, WV. Jefferson, WV. Waterloo-Cedar Falls, IA.	0.8404
8940	Black Hawk, IA. Wausau, WI	0.9418
8960	Marathon, WI. West Palm Beach-Boca Raton, FL. Palm Beach, FL.	0.9682
9000	Wheeling, WV-OH	0.7733
9040	Belmont, OH. Marshall, WV. Ohio, WV. Wichita, KS	0.9544
9080	Butler, KS. Harvey, KS. Sedgwick, KS. Wichita Falls, TX	0.7668
9140	Archer, TX. Wichita, TX. Williamsport, PA	0.8392
9160	Lycoming, PA. Wilmington-Newark, DE-MD. New Castle, DE. Cecil, MD.	1.1191
9200	Wilmington, NC	0.9402
9260	New Hanover, NC. Brunswick, NC. Yakima, WA	0.9907
9270	Yakima, WA. Yolo, CA	1.0199
9280	Yolo, CA. York, PA	0.9264
9320	York, PA. Youngstown-Warren, OH. Columbiana, OH. Mahoning, OH. Trumbull, OH.	0.9543
9340	Yuba City, CA	1.0706
9360	Sutter, CA. Yuba, CA. Yuma, AZ	0.9529
	Yuma, AZ.	

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Brian P. Burns,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Information Resources Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration

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Medicare Program; Town Hall Meeting on Physician Query Forms

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a Town Hall meeting to discuss the use of coding summary forms (in this case, physician query forms) when the record is reviewed by a Peer Review Organization (PRO) to validate DRG coding. Physicians, providers, coding specialists, medical records staff, quality improvement professionals, and other interested parties are invited to this meeting to present their individual views on physician query forms. The opinions and alternatives provided during this meeting will assist us as we evaluate our policy on the use of physician query forms by PROs in verifying hospital coding. The meeting is open to the public, but attendance is limited to space available.

DATES: *Meeting Date:* The Town Hall meeting announced in this notice will be held on Friday, July 27, 2001, from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time).

ADDRESSES: The Town Hall meeting will be held in the main auditorium of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services building, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244.

Written Questions or Statements: Any interested party may send written comments by mail, fax, or electronically. We will accept written testimony, questions, or other statements, not to exceed (4) single-spaced, typed pages, before the meeting, and up until August 10, 2001. Send written testimony, questions or other statements to: Sheila Blackstock, Quality Improvement Group, Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, S3-021-01, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheila Blackstock, (410) 786-3502 or Lana Reed, (410) 786-6875. You may also send inquiries about this meeting via email to www.querymtg@hcfa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 1866(a)(1)(F) of the Social Security Act and 42 CFR Part 476.71(a) require PROs to perform a number of review activities, including DRG validation review of inpatient hospital prospective payment system cases to make determinations as appropriate, in accordance with the terms of their contracts.

Section 4130 of the PRO Manual directs PROs to:

- Review medical records to ensure that the record and the information on the claim submitted by the hospital agree;

- Base DRG validation upon accepted principles of coding practice; and
- Verify a hospital's coding in accordance with the coding principles reflected in the current edition of the ICD-9-CM coding manual.

In January, 2001, we issued a policy memorandum to PROs directing them not to accept coding summary forms (physician query forms) as documentation in the medical record following DRG validation procedures specified in section 4130 of the PRO Manual. While this memorandum did not mandate an outright prohibition of the use of summary forms, it did prohibit PROs from using coding summary forms *as a substitute for documentation in the medical record*.

The policy memorandum generated a high level of public interest. Subsequently, we recognized that there are varied interpretations of what constitutes proper supplemental usage of coding summary forms. As a result, in March 2001, we issued a second policy memorandum that suspended implementation of the January 2001 memorandum until October 1, 2001. We now seek individual input from interested parties so that it may be considered as we re-evaluate this policy.

II. Meeting Format

The initial portion of the meeting will be a presentation of our policy and our concerns with the use of physician query forms. The remainder of the meeting will be reserved for individual statements from interested parties.

Time for participants to make a statement will be limited according to the number of registered participants. Therefore, individuals who wish to make a statement must contact the individuals identified in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**, above, as soon as possible to sign up to make a statement. Participants will be permitted to speak in the order in which they sign up. Comments from individuals not registered to speak will be heard after scheduled statements only if time permits.

Written submissions will also be accepted.

III. Registration Instructions

The Office of Clinical Standards and Quality is coordinating meeting registration. While there is no registration fee, individuals must register to attend. You may register by sending a fax to the attention of Lana Reed or Sheila Blackstock. The fax number is (410) 786-8532. Please include your name, address, telephone number, and, if available, email address and fax number. You will receive a

registration confirmation with instructions for your arrival at the CMS complex. If seating capacity has been reached, you will be notified that the meeting has reached capacity.

Authority: Sec. 1871 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395hh).

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Thomas A. Scully,

Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Current List of Laboratories Which Meet Minimum Standards To Engage in Urine Drug Testing for Federal Agencies

AGENCY: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services notifies Federal agencies of the laboratories currently certified to meet standards of Subpart C of Mandatory Guidelines for Federal Workplace Drug Testing Programs (59 FR 29916, 29925). A similar notice listing all currently certified laboratories will be published during the first week of each month, and updated to include laboratories which subsequently apply for and complete the certification process. If any listed laboratory's certification is totally suspended or revoked, the laboratory will be omitted from updated lists until such time as it is restored to full certification under the Guidelines.

If any laboratory has withdrawn from the National Laboratory Certification Program during the past month, it will be listed at the end, and will be omitted from the monthly listing thereafter.

This Notice is also available on the internet at the following website: <http://www.health.org/workplace>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Giselle Hersh or Dr. Walter Vogl, Division of Workplace Programs, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockwall 2 Building, Room 815, Rockville, Maryland 20857; Tel.: (301) 443-6014, Fax: (301) 443-3031.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Mandatory Guidelines for Federal

Workplace Drug Testing were developed in accordance with Executive Order 12564 and section 503 of Pub. L. 100-71. Subpart C of the Guidelines, "Certification of Laboratories Engaged in Urine Drug Testing for Federal Agencies," sets strict standards which laboratories must meet in order to conduct urine drug testing for Federal agencies. To become certified an applicant laboratory must undergo three rounds of performance testing plus an on-site inspection.

To maintain that certification a laboratory must participate in a quarterly performance testing program plus periodic, on-site inspections.

Laboratories which claim to be in the applicant stage of certification are not to be considered as meeting the minimum requirements expressed in the HHS Guidelines. A laboratory must have its letter of certification from SAMHSA, HHS (formerly: HHS/NIDA) which attests that it has met minimum standards.

In accordance with Subpart C of the Guidelines, the following laboratories meet the minimum standards set forth in the Guidelines:

ACL Laboratories 8901 W. Lincoln Ave., West Allis, WI 53227, 414-328-7840/800-877-7016 (Formerly: Bayshore Clinical Laboratory)

Advanced Toxicology Network, 3560 Air Center Cove, Suite 101, Memphis, TN 38118, 901-794-5770/888-290-1150

Aegis Analytical Laboratories, Inc., 345 Hill Ave., Nashville, TN 37210, 615-255-2400

Alabama Reference Laboratories, Inc., 543 South Hull St., Montgomery, AL 36103, 800-541-4931/334-263-5745

Alliance Laboratory Services, 3200 Burnet Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45229, 513-585-9000 (Formerly: Jewish Hospital of Cincinnati, Inc.)

American Medical Laboratories, Inc., 14225 Newbrook Dr., Chantilly, VA 20151, 703-802-6900

Associated Pathologists Laboratories, Inc., 4230 South Burnham Ave., Suite 250, Las Vegas, NV 89119-5412, 702-733-7866/800-433-2750

Baptist Medical Center—Toxicology Laboratory, 9601 I-630, Exit 7, Little Rock, AR 72205-7299, 501-202-2783 (Formerly: Forensic Toxicology Laboratory Baptist Medical Center)

Clinical Laboratory Partners, LLC, 129 East Cedar St., Newington, CT 06111, 860-696-8115 (Formerly: Hartford Hospital Toxicology Laboratory) Clinical Reference Lab, 8433 Quivira Rd., Lenexa, KS 66215-2802, 800-445-6917

Cox Health Systems, Department of Toxicology, 1423 North Jefferson

Ave., Springfield, MO 65802, 800-876-3652/417-269-3093 (Formerly: Cox Medical Centers)

Dept. of the Navy, Navy Drug Screening Laboratory, Great Lakes, IL, Building 38-H, P. O. Box 88-6819, Great Lakes, IL 60088-6819, 847-688-2045/847-688-4171

Diagnostic Services Inc., dba DSI 12700 Westlinks Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33913, 941-561-8200/800-735-5416 Doctors Laboratory, Inc., P.O. Box 2658, 2906 Julia Dr., Valdosta, GA 31602, 912-244-4468

DrugProof, Division of Dynacare/Laboratory of Pathology, LLC, 1229 Madison St., Suite 500, Nordstrom Medical Tower, Seattle, WA 98104, 206-386-2672/800-898-0180 (Formerly: Laboratory of Pathology of Seattle, Inc., DrugProof, Division of Laboratory of Pathology of Seattle, Inc.)

DrugScan, Inc., P.O. Box 2969, 1119 Mearns Rd., Warminster, PA 18974, 215-674-9310

Dynacare Kasper Medical Laboratories,* 14940-123 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5V 1B4, 780-451-3702/800-661-9876

ElSohly Laboratories, Inc., 5 Industrial Park Dr., Oxford, MS 38655, 662-236-2609

Express Analytical Labs, 1301 18th Ave NW, Suite 110, Austin, MN 55912, 507-437-7322

Gamma-Dynacare Medical Laboratories,* A Division of the Gamma-Dynacare Laboratory Partnership, 245 Pall Mall St., London, ONT, Canada N6A 1P4, 519-679-1630

General Medical Laboratories, 36 South Brooks St., Madison, WI 53715, 608-267-6267

Integrated Regional Laboratories, 5361 NW 33rd Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309, 954-777-0018, 800-522-0232 (Formerly: Cedars Medical Center, Department of Pathology)

Kroll Laboratory Specialists, Inc., 1111 Newton St., Gretna, LA 70053, 504-361-8989/800-433-3823 (Formerly: Laboratory Specialists, Inc.)

LabOne, Inc., 10101 Renner Blvd., Lenexa, KS 66219, 913-888-3927/800-728-4064 (Formerly: Center for Laboratory Services, a Division of LabOne, Inc.)

Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, 7207 N. Gessner Road, Houston, TX 77040, 713-856-8288/800-800-2387

Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, 69 First Ave., Raritan, NJ 08869, 908-526-2400/800-437-4986 (Formerly: Roche Biomedical Laboratories, Inc.)

Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, 1904 Alexander Drive,