

# **BOG Regionalization: Partnering with the Academy Health Policy Team and the Physician Payment Policy Workgroup (3P)**

In an effort to support the BOG transition to a regional representative structure for Socioeconomic and grassroots issues, the Academy Health Policy team has prepared a **socioeconomic e-care package** for all BOG SEGR representatives to outline the wealth of practice management resources the Academy provides to members on our website. Resources include information related to common member inquiries such as: requests for coding clarification related to changes to CPT codes, national reimbursement rates, payer denials, transitioning to ICD-10 and more. We hope that this e-care package is helpful to you, as a BOG SEGR representative, in responding to inquiries from members and colleagues in your regions and states.

We have also developed a **communication flow chart**, approved by 3P and the BOG Chairs, which outlines the socioeconomic issues that will be tackled by the BOG at the local level, or by 3P and the health policy team at the national level. On behalf of all Academy staff, we are thrilled about this new organizational structure for the BOG and look forward to future collaboration on socioeconomic issues impacting Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery.

## **AAO-HNS Payer Advocacy**

- Ongoing Private Payer Efforts: <http://www.entnet.org/Practice/News-and-Updates-from-Private-Payers.cfm>
- Ongoing Medicare Efforts: <http://www.entnet.org/Practice/CMS-News.cfm/>  
<http://www.entnet.org/Practice/Medicareupdates.cfm>
- Guide for addressing payer denials: <http://www.entnet.org/Practice/Private-Payer-Resources.cfm>

## **AAO-HNS Payment Reform and SGR Repeal Efforts:**

Payment Reform Information: <http://www.entnet.org/practice/paymentreform.cfm>

## **AAO-HNS Regulatory Advocacy Efforts**

- Summaries of key regulations such as the Medicare Physician fee schedule and Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System: <http://bit.ly/CMSregs>
- AAO-HNS Comments to Government Agencies (such as CMS) on proposed and final regulations impacting ENTs: <http://bit.ly/CMSregs>

## **Coding Education**

- AAO-HNS/F & Karen Zupko & Associates Coding and Reimbursement workshops: <http://bit.ly/entworkshops>
- Information on the AMA RUC and CPT process: <http://bit.ly/entcptrvu>
- Academy's new technology pathway process (pathway used to request the creation of new, or revisions to, CPT codes): <http://bit.ly/entcptrvu>

## **CMS Quality Initiatives**

### **Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS):**

Information on PQRS: <http://bit.ly/entPQRS>

PQRS Fact Sheet: <http://bit.ly/PQRSfacts>

PQRSWizard Registry Reporting Option for PQRS: <https://aaohns.pqriwizard.com/Default.aspx>

### **EHR Meaningful Use:**

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Information on EHR Meaningful Use: <http://bit.ly/entEHR>

EHR Meaningful Use Fact Sheet: <http://bit.ly/EHRfacts>

## **E-Prescribing:**

Information on E-Prescribing: <http://bit.ly/entErX>

E-Prescribing Fact Sheet: <http://bit.ly/eRxfacts>

**Value Based Payment Modifier Information:** <http://www.entnet.org/practice/valuemodifier.cfm>

## **AAO-HNS Guidance Documents**

- Overview document: What is the purpose of guidance documents?: <http://www.entnet.org/Practice/loader.cfm?csModule=security/getfile&pageid=175934>
- Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs): [http://www.entnet.org/guide\\_lines/guidelines.cfm](http://www.entnet.org/guide_lines/guidelines.cfm)
- Clinical Consensus Statements (CCSs): [http://www.entnet.org/guide\\_lines/guidelines.cfm](http://www.entnet.org/guide_lines/guidelines.cfm)
- Clinical Indicators (CIs): <http://www.entnet.org/Practice/clinicalIndicators.cfm>
- Position Statements (PSs): <http://www.entnet.org/Practice/Position-Statements.cfm>

## **ICD-10 Transition Tools**

- ICD-9/10 Information: <http://bit.ly/entICD10>
- ENT ICD-10 Superbill: <http://bit.ly/entICD10>
- Top 200 ENT ICD-9 codes crosswalked to ICD-10: <http://bit.ly/entICD10>

## **Payer Template Appeal Tools**

Template payer appeal letters for services commonly denied: <http://bit.ly/entappeals>

## **Practice Management Tools: Coding Guidance / CPT Changes**

- CPT for ENT coding guidance articles: <http://bit.ly/CPT4ENT>
- Information on NCCI /MUE Edits: <http://bit.ly/ENTcoding>
- E/M Documentation guidelines: <http://bit.ly/EMguide>
- Code changes for CY 2014: <http://bit.ly/2013codes>
- Top 100 ENT billed services for CY 2013 (hospital outpatient and physician office settings): <http://bit.ly/top100codes>
- Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Lookup: <http://www.cms.gov/apps/physician-fee-schedule/overview.aspx>

## **Socioeconomic Survey Data**

2011 survey data: <http://www.entnet.org/Practice/members/socioeconomic.cfm>

BOG SEGR representatives can email [healthpolicy@entnet.org](mailto:healthpolicy@entnet.org) with questions about existing, and future resources that would be beneficial for ongoing training and education related to practice management issues.