

# Compliance Newsletter

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### **Compliance Hotline**

Type:

http://157.21.29.163/Compliance/and click on Hotline.

EVMS Medical Group Compliance concerns may also be sent to the EVMS Medical Group Compliance Office via phone, mail or e-mail.

# Locum Tenens Changes from CMS

Effective June 13<sup>th</sup>, CMS changed the terminology used to describe locum tenens agreements. These will now be known as "fee-for-time compensation arrangements". Expansions of the program have also been made to Physical Therapists (PTs) who practice in underserved areas. Full details can be found in the CMS MLN Matters article at the link below:

Changes to the Payment Policies for Reciprocal Billing Arrangements and Fee-for-Time Compensation Arrangements (formerly referred to as Locum Tenens Arrangements)

# eCBRs (Comparative Billing Reports) Now Available on the Palmetto Website

Our CMS contractor, Palmetto, recently announced that they have made eCBRs, or Electronic Comparative Billing Reports, available on their website. In the past we have received similar reports by mail. These reports provide data to providers on the frequency and number of services billed such as modifiers used or levels or service billed during a particular period of time. The reports compare each provider to other providers in their specialty or subspecialty and include a bell-curve distribution and other similar graphical displays of the data.

Although these reports are sometimes helpful, having a higher number of level 4 and/or 5 E/M services for example does not always mean that billing errors are present or that changes need to be made. If providers are concerned with their results, the Compliance and Internal Audit office will provide an opinion based on small focused audits.

The reports can be located on Palmetto's website at the link

#### **Contact Us**

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### **Link to Policies & Forms:**

http://www.evms.edu/patient\_care/compliance\_program/

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## Compliance "Listserv"

Send an email to browerl@evms.edu to request to be added to the EVMS Medical Group Compliance "Listserv". Once you are subscribed, you will receive newsletters, information and training opportunity announcements directly.

below:

## Palmetto eCBR Reports

## e-PHI Security Tip

As a reminder, file sharing applications such as DropBox, Google Drive, and other cloud based services are not secure or intended for business purposes without a professional license agreement. Storing data on any of these web services could lead to a breach of PHI. If you have a need for a similar service to be used for storing PHI, please contact the Network Center for an alternative option that is HIPAA compliance and secure.

## **Lunch Discussion Session July**

We will not hold Lunch Discussion during the month of July.