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From the President

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Fall Greetings to All,

A recent Medicare Advisory Committee meeting was held last week. Some general "housekeeping" issues discussed as pertaining to CMS included once again the planned 10% reduction in re-imburement if no 11th hour legislation is enacted to reverse this. An updated 2008 ICD-9 manual will be available in the beginning of November and the companion 2008 CPT manual will be coming out in January. All providers currently should be using their NPI numbers obtained from CMS and filing electronically. Any individuals requiring assistance in enrollment can be helped by accessing website at www.cms.hhs.gov. In addition we were informed at the meeting that New Jersey has shown up on the "radar" with the dubious honor of having the highest coding error rate in the Country at 7% when utilizing Evaluation and Management Codes. Not much else was elaborated on this; however I would suspect an increase in practice audits coming in the future.

All those with requests for topics to be addressed at the upcoming Spring Meeting, please feel free to contact me at jlevison@tcvcg.com.

MSNJ MAKING HEADLINES

The autumn temperatures have been unseasonably warm, and The Medical Society of New Jersey (MSNJ) has been working up a sweat advocating for physicians in the Garden State. *The Star Ledger, the Bergen Record, Asbury Park Press, the Philadelphia Inquirer* and even the Curtis and Kuby Radio Show on 77 WABC-AM have been highlighting MSNJ in some of their features. We've enlightened the public regarding physician opposition to the website RateMDs.com, SCHIP, and a MSNJ victory in NJ Appellate Court over the PIP fee schedule, garnering both local and national attention. MSNJ has continued our discussions with legislative leaders, meeting with both Assembly Speaker Joe Roberts and Senate President Richard Codey about the PIP legislation still pending before the legislature.

On Thursday, November 8 at 4:00 p.m., U.S. District Attorney **Christopher J. Christie** will address the membership as part of MSNJ's Distinguished Lecture Series at our Lawrenceville headquarters. I welcome you as my guest to attend and see for yourself the value of your MSNJ membership. I am sure you all may have some questions for him and expect a lively discussion.

-- Richard Scott, MD
215th President
Medical Society of New Jersey

Coming up ...

2008

Wednesday

March 12

Annual Scientific Meeting
Nanina's in the Park, Belleville, NJ
(NOTE: New Location!)