

Tennessee Ambulance Service Association

Reimbursement Conference Agenda

Opryland Radisson, Nashville, TN

Monday, October 4, 2010

2:00 – 4:30 Registration

Tuesday, October 5, 2010

7:00 am – 7:45 Registration

7:45 am Introductions and Opening Remarks : Mike Shankle

8:00 am – 9:00 am **Medicare and Reimbursment Update: (Doug Wolfberg)** What's new and what you need to know about Medicare regulations and reimbursement.

9:15 – 9:45 Break (Vendors Area)

9:45 – 10:45 **Medicare and Reimbursment Update (con't) (Doug Wolfberg)** What's new and what you need to know about Medicare regulations and reimbursement.

10:45 – 11:00 Break (Vendors Area)

11:00 – 12:00 **Healthcare reform as it affects EMS billing (Doug Wolfberg)** How is healthcare reform really going to affect you and the billing side of EMS.

12:00 - 1:15 Lunch provided

1:15 - 2:15 **Audits, Program Safeguard Contractors and Medicare Compliance:** Fraud and abuse audits and prosecutions are on the rise, here is how to protect your service and respond to overpayment audits. (**Stephen Everett, Chris Kelly**)

2:15 - 2:30 Break (Vendor Area)

2:30 – 3:00 **Regulatory and Administrative burdens at CMS (Russell Honeycutt)**

3:00 – 3:30 . Break (Vendor Area)

3:30 – 4:30 **EMS Quiz Show-** Grab a remote control voting device on your way in and come participate in an interactive session that covers the most frequently asked administrative questions in EMS. (**Chris Kelly**) (**Stephen Everett**)

4:30 pm Closing Remarks

8:00pm - 12:00am Networking after hours Donelson A/B

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Wednesday October 6, 2010

7:30 – 8:00 Contenial Breakfast Vendors Area

8:00 – 9:00 Cahaba - Medicare One year later -

9:00 – 9:30 Break (Vendor Area)

9:30 - 10:30 Cahaba – Medicare Q and A (con't)

10:30 – 10:45 Break

10:45 - 12:00 **TennCare Issues:Roundtable Discussion**

Elaine Roberson TennCare Select

Matt Hollis / Gary Kinard SoutheasTrans

12:00 **Closing Remarks**

ALL SPEAKERS AND SUBJECTS CAN CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

**OTHER MISC MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**

**TASA BOARD MEETING WILL BE AT 12 PM ON TUESDAY IN THE
PENNINGTON ROOM.**

ALL BREAKS WILL BE HELD IN THE ATRIUM AREA.

**PLACE ALL CELLPHONES ON SILENT MODE OR
VIBRATE**

**PLEASE DO NOT HOLD CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHERS
DURING PRESENTATIONS. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE
THE ROOM IF YOU DO!**

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THE 2010 TASA REIMBRUSEMENT CONFERENCE

Russell Honeycutt is currently Executive Vice President of the National Reimbursement Group and is regarded as a leading expert in the field of EMS reimbursement.

Russell has quickly grown to be a key leader between the EMS industry and the US Congress. The US Government is the single greatest payer for EMS Services and Russell spends his time educating the US Congress and CMS, reviewing their proposed rules, and explaining the EMS industry what the rules mean.

Russell's current involvement in the EMS industry is the Chair of The Government Affairs Committee for the America Ambulance Association (AAA), Education and Medicare Regulatory Committees for the AAA, and a twelve year member of the Federal Reimbursement Committee for the AAA. Russell is a member of the Provider Outreach and Education Committee for CIGNA Medicare in North Carolina and Cahaba GBA, the ABMAC for Jurisdiction 10. Russell was also chosen to be on the board of Advocates for EMS in 2010.

Douglas M. Wolfberg, Esquire is a founding partner of Page, Wolfberg & Wirth, LLC, a national law firm concentrating on EMS, ambulance and medical transportation law. He was a volunteer and paid EMS provider for nearly 20 years prior to becoming an attorney. He has also worked as an EMS administrator at the county, regional, statewide and federal levels. He is an author and co-author of numerous articles, books and other publications in the EMS field, and has lectured at EMS conferences and seminars in almost every state in the country. He has also served as a member of the Panel of Commissioners of the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services (CAAS), the national accreditation body for the ambulance industry. He received his law degree *magna cum laude* ! from the Widener University School of law, and presently holds! faculty teaching appointments at the University of Pittsburgh, George Washington University and the Widener University School of Law.

Christopher Kelly Vice-President of Legal Services is the newest member of our team. Chris is an attorney licensed to practice in federal court who specializes in the ambulance industry. Chris has successfully represented many ambulance services in Medicare and other EMS related issues. The addition of Chris brings us the legal expertise and the opportunity to expand services to our clients.

Stephen Everett received a MBA in Management from Georgia State University, he is the President of Everett Health Care Consultants. He provides consulting services

to medical providers including, physicians, ambulance suppliers, durable medical equipment suppliers and Medicare contractors. Specializes in Medicare Part B coverage, reimbursement, coding, all phases of claims processing and Medicare post-payment review. He serves as the Medicare Compliance Officer for O.D's and M.D's in Florida. He is a Independent Contracting Medicare Hearing Officer. He Contracted with Medicare Part B Carriers and Medicare Part A Intermediaries to act as an independent Medicare Fair Hearing Officer. Conducted more than 25,000 hearings involving more than 100,000 claims and at least 50,000 beneficiaries. He was the Atlanta Regional Office chief of The Health Care Financing Administration from 1983 to 1990. He supervised policy specialists who ! were responsible for Medicare coverage and reimbursement polic! y in the eight-state Atlanta Region. He was also a Program Analyst with The Health Care financing Administration, Office of Program Integrity, in the Atlanta Regional Office from 1976 to 1983.