



Minutes of the Rhode Island Podiatric Medical Association: November 18, 2015

Sponsor: MIMEDIX, Kim Silva

Lecture Topic: Epifix for Wound Healing

Speaker: Barry White, DPM from Portland Foot and Ankle, working out of Maine Medical Center

Venue/Time: Gracies, Providence, RI 6:30PM

Minutes from October 2015 meeting reviewed

Bills and Communications: Dr. Cavicchio

- BC/BS letter of November 1, 2015: Fee schedules and P4P
- Region One Minutes: Susan Walsh, President of Region 1
 - DM Awareness Month: Fliers available on APMA website
- APMStudentA: Request for funding of RI student to “legislative conference”

Treasurer’s Report: Dr. Fish

- We currently have {enough} in checking account.

Committee Reports:

- CAC and ICD 10 Update: Dr. LePoer attended the APMA sponsored National CAC-PIAC meeting in Washington, DC November 6/7
 - Overall, we did well with the ICD 10 conversion as Podiatrists.
 - ICD 10 codes now accepted again for systemic diseases (see attached)
 - Meaningful Use Reporting Revisions: Stage 2 is 2/29/16. You will start to incur penalties in 2018.
 - Currently, penalties are occurring from the 2014-2014 reporting year.
 - Blue Chip Copay on at risk foot care 11720, 11721 and others: Error with Blue Cross that they state they are in the process of fixing. Until then, to resolve the problem, you or your biller need to call on each individual patient that is affected for the reversal.
- Revisited PQRS 2016: See October Minutes for refresher.
- Decrease in payment on 11750: Used to include 2 post op visits and now only 1 in the global period.
- Reminder that CAM boot code L4360 pays more than L4361, but you must say something about making a custom adjustment to your chart note.
- HIPAA Analysis: Make sure your office has a plan in place. This can get audited with you MU incentive.
 - Make sure your office has a HIPAA manual. www.apma.org/HIPAA
 - To run a HIPAA analysis it can cost \$549/practice. May be worth it to make sure you are compliant.
 - Tracknet seems to have the most problems

Executive Director Report: Dr. Cavicchio

- Request for Volunteers for the Legislative Committee. RI legislative session to begin January 2016
- Reminder: Xray Inspections can be done by Bill North northphysicsgroup@gmail.com



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Public Relations: Dr. Cavicchio

- Dr. Roda has created the Facebook page. Handouts were dispensed today to hang in offices to “like us” on FB (see attached)
 - Budget of \$20/day for 2 weeks given to buy FB adds, etc. We will reassess budget when we get results of this advertising.

Unfinished Business: Dr. Cavicchio

- Rhode Island Free Clinic and Resident Coverage: Dr. Battey makes correction that this is not to occur.
 - So, we are still looking for volunteers ½ day once every 3 months

New Business: Dr. Cavicchio

- RI “Self Audit” for sales tax. Association has been made aware
- UHP “required” Annual Model of Care Training (11 minute video) with 12/20/15 deadline.
- MMJUA rates increasing: Hickey and Associates, Inc. may save you 20% on malpractice insurance. Call to check rates.

Comments for the Good of the Order: Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah, Happy New Year!

Meeting Adjourned: Next Meeting will be 1/20/16, sponsored by MEDTRONIC. Location Gracies, Providence.

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