

Please add the following with the minutes already sent for 6/27/24

Notes from Wayne Reynolds presentation :

CR and PR programs are still shutting down nationwide or have been moved offsite for more lucrative programs.

Apathy is impacting programs and the lack of willing participants lobbying Senate and Congress. In Ct Senator Blumenthal is a co-sponsor but Senator Murphy has not signed on to our bills and there are no Congressional Sponsors. Reinforce with Senator Blumenthal's office to ask him to have his colleague's join on as sponsors as well.

There are CR dessert in the country with wait lists of several months at other facilities to accommodate patients

He reinforced the need for local Senate and Congressional meetings

RAC Audits - he reinforced the need to educate coders and RAC auditors about what we do as they review records and do not know what they are looking for. He said to be tenacious and appeal, appeal, appeal to get the fines removed. A Ma program has been the focus of several audits and they have had all reversed and one currently occurring. Remember the RAC auditors are to follow CMS standards. They are hired by MAC's and the MAC may need to be contacted to hold them accountable to CMS standards. Reach out to your billing offices to see if there are any denials you are unaware of.

Since Karen Lui has retired there has been an impact on Legislative and Reimbursement Updates, he suggested emailing Molly Corbett or advocacy@aacvpr.org with any questions currently as AACVPR forms a new Government Affairs Committee to oversee Hart Health Strategies firm

Q and A

Joe P raised a question about sessions beyond 36 in 36 weeks for CMS pt., Wayne reinforced it never happens unless you have a document medical reason in the chart and modifier 56 added

Wayne's program reached out to local MAC which is NGS which also covers Ct and New England as RAC auditor was not following CMS guidelines , MAC emailed him the exact guidelines that the auditor should be following .