

Med Tech News

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Hello!

Hope you've all been well! Our last newsletter was many moons ago and several new things have prompted a new one. Please enjoy and please visit our newly revised website at:

www.infinitemedtech.com

Support Corner

We've had a rash of internet related support calls lately. Most have been caused by viruses and "malware". Some of these buggers have taken days to eliminate because they embed themselves in the operating system and in some cases must be removed manually file by file. Some of the attacks look suspiciously like Windows updates and Anti-virus programs. To protect your system we strongly urge you to keep your Anti-virus software up to date and avoid downloading programs or accessing websites that you're not sure of. Some of these come from innocuous things like screen savers and backgrounds. If you have any questions about downloading files please call us first. Remember that virus and malware removal are not covered by your software service agreement and are billable.

Billing Corner

No more consult codes!

You probably already know that Medicare has eliminated hospital consult codes (99251-99255). They have been "replaced" with "initial hospital care" codes (99221-99223) PLEASE BE CAREFUL! Take special note of the time and documentation requirements for these codes. Your visit may not qualify for higher coding levels that were available before because of the "typical time" established for these codes.

Software News

We are now able to offer you an EMR package that will help you get stimulus money!!!

Many of our clients have been asking about the \$44,000 that Medicare is giving away. It's true! President Obama signed the **American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA)** in February 2009. This allows eligible providers to receive up to \$44,000 beginning in 2011 by meeting certain criteria. Included in the criteria is the "meaningful use" of a certified EMR package. In addition, you must have connectivity to an Health Information Exchange (HIE) to communicate with other health professionals and facilities. Never fear, Med Tech is here! We have the solution. Our recent partnership with **DoctorsPartner** and their HIE (SUSHOO) allow you implement an EMR system in record time with minimum investment. Please call to learn more about our EMR offering and the Stimulus money.

Gateway EDI

Just a reminder! Gateway EDI provides for electronic submission of most primary claims and electronic posting of EOMB's. Saves a ton of time and a ton of postage! Plus you can get claims status feedback next day! In addition you can now check patient eligibility on-line and send electronic patient statements.

For more information give us a call or send me an email at john@infinitemedtech.com.

PECOS

We've been getting a ton of calls about PECOS enrollment. You **must** enroll in PECOS to get paid for DME! The deadline was April 2010 but has been extended to October 2010, but don't delay! In addition, if you haven't submitted a dreaded 855 since 2003 you must submit an updated one to get paid by Medicare! **Please note that those providers who refer patients to you must also be registered in order for you to get paid as well.** Because we are not providers we can't even log into to the PECOS system so we are of limited help. We have some links on our website that may be of value to you in this regard.

ICD10 –

Are you Ready?

Some of you might have heard about **ICD10** looming on the horizon. With over 60,000 diagnosis codes it will take some getting used to. The new diagnosis codes make use of the latest advancements in medicine as well as provide for a very accurate level of reporting diagnoses. Even though **ICD10** is a ways off, you may want to familiarize your practice with the new coding system. We strongly recommend that you make arrangements to acquire the necessary source materials available for ICD10.

Stock Tip –

Check out Wave Systems (**WAVX**). They produce hardware technologies for computer security. Buy it at \$3.50/share and double your money!