## LCD - Medicine: Chiropractic Services - Update and Clarification

- **J10 MAC B (Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee) (L32342)**

After following the CMS' prescribed Local Coverage Determination (LCD) development process, Cahaba recently implemented LCD 32342 regarding Chiropractic services on April 1, 2012.

As a background, Cahaba began a J10 widespread probe for Chiropractic Services (CPT 98941-AT) on June 6, 2011 which initially targeted visits 'greater than 20 visits per rolling year' but then was increased to visits 'greater than 36 visits per rolling year' due to the large volume of claims. After clinician review, the quarterly Error Rates for denials are below:

| | AL | GA | TN |
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| 9/30/11 | 97.83% | 100% | 98.60% |
| 12/31/11 | 86.71% | 95.94% | 93.44% |
| 3/31/12 | 93.67% | 90.24% | 85.69% |
| **AVG** | 92.73% | 95.39% | 92.57% |

Numerous educational Articles (May 11, 2011; August 11, 2011; and April 23, 2012) regarding the review results and coverage of Chiropractic services were published on the What's New page at CahabaGBA.com.

Additionally, Cahaba maintained an educational article (Article 51055) on the coverage of Chiropractic services. This article was effective July 1, 2011 and was retired with the effective date of the LCD.

Effective for services billed on or after April 1, 2012, the current LCD maintains a frequency limit of 25 visits per rolling year for services billed with CPT codes 98940-98942 and Modifier AT. When these services are billed, a count from the previous rolling year will be conducted to insure that the 25 visit limit is not exceeded.

Providers who receive denials are reminded of their appeal rights.

In order to locate the above information, the following links are provided:

**Coverage of Chiropractic Services in Section 30.5 of the CMS Manuals:**
http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/bp102c15.pdf

**Appeals information; Educational article regarding the reviews:**
www.cahabagba.com

**LCD and Article information:**
http://www.cms.gov/medicare-coverage-database/overview-and-quick-search.aspx