

Public Health Policy as Continuing Medical Education

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Presentation Overview

- Local Coverage Determinations (LCDs)
- Alzheimer's Disease & Home Health Care
- The Alzheimer's Disease LCD
- Going Beyond Diagnosis
- Case Scenarios
- Questions & Answers

Local Coverage Determinations

- Administrative and educational tools
- Drafted by Medicare contractors
- Encourage the correct submission of claims
- Assure beneficiary access to care

Alzheimer's Disease & Home Health Care

- Attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors:
 - There is no need for nursing or other skilled healthcare professionals' intervention
 - Medicare does not cover home care for patients with Alzheimer's disease
 - Few beneficiaries are admitted to home care with diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease

Palmetto GBA 2004 Claims Data: Received 01-01-2004 – 12-31-2004

ICD-9-CM Dx Category	Beneficiary Count	Claim Count	% of Home Health Care Claims
1 st Dx 331.0	12,734	21,062	0.90%
1 st Dx 331.0 & 2 nd Dx 294.11	900	1,367	0.06%
Dx 331.0 any position	42,983	80,221	3.44%
Dx 331.0 & 294.11 any position	1,744	2,878	0.12%

Alzheimer's Disease and Behavioral Disturbances

- Rationale for a Home Health LCD:
 - Increase awareness of existing Medicare benefits
 - Address attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors of physicians and home care providers
 - Educate the public and medical community regarding the role of behavioral and environmental interventions

Going Beyond Diagnosis

- The ICF was incorporated into the LCD to help home health providers characterize the needs of this vulnerable population.
- Two ICF- enhanced case scenarios were included with the LCD to illustrate the value of “going beyond diagnosis”.

Case Scenarios

- Case #1: Describes an individual who is uncooperative with bathing and grooming.
- Case #2: Describes an individual who is uncooperative at mealtime.
- Both cases support caregiver teaching and training and outline potential behavioral and environmental interventions.

Questions & Answers

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