National Update

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Ordering Home Health

- The Home Health Care Planning Improvement Act would allow nurse practitioners, physician assistants, clinical nurse specialist and certified nurse midwives to order home health services in accordance with state law
- Representative Schwartz introduced on April 13, 2010
Aetna

- Aetna is beginning to identify NP’s as providers
- NP’s in Colorado have been contacted to enroll
- 85% of physician fee schedule
- Data on barriers to efficient, safe care for those insured by Aetna

Ordering Respiratory Therapy

- The physician oversight rule on this has not changed, but someone at CMS has given a guidance that a countersignature is the way to demonstrate that oversight. The fact that CMS is leaderless is a major impediment here. JACHO is responding to CMS and this is not a JACHO interpretation.
Presbyterian Hospital

- Due to Joint Commission and CMS rules which we have no control or influence over, we have to change how Respiratory Therapy orders given by Nurse Practitioners and Physician's Assistants are accepted. Effective Wednesday, March 10th, all non-physicians (mid-levels including nurse practitioners and physician assistants) must have a co-signature by an MD or DO when ordering Respiratory Therapy treatments. This includes medications delivered via nebulizers (antibiotics, steroids, mucolytics, narcotic, bronchodilators, “breathing treatments,” and EZ Pap), chest physiotherapy, implementation or adjustments to invasive or non-invasive mechanical ventilation (including CPAP and BiPAP), hyperbaric oxygen treatments, and oxygen therapy.

Physician Collaboration

- Home health care/Hospice (initial)
- Oxygen
- Federal Worker’s Comp
- Payment to physician?
- Examples of barriers.
- Many states still with collaboration or supervision requirements.
PQRI/Eprescribing Incentive

- Quality reporting measures 2% Medicare
  - Multiple measures
  - Credit for reporting not what reported
  - 80% of at least 3 measures for the year
- Electronic prescribing 2% Medicare
  - 25 successful reports
  - Electronic prescribe at least 1 prescription during the visit

Just a reminder

- Organized medicine pushes back on expansions of scope of practice
- Physicians ask legislatures to establish scope-of-practice review committees. They say court cases in Texas and Iowa highlight the need to preserve patient safety.
- By Amy Lynn Sorrel, amednews staff.

Health Care Reform

- AANP and other organizations have worked diligently to have NP’s included in provider language.

HB237 Government Restructuring Task Force

- New Mexico bill to look at the following:
  - the governor’s recommendation from the committee on government efficiency;
  - need for consolidation of agencies and elimination or reduction of redundant or overlapping programs;
  - current and projected revenue estimates; and
  - statutes, constitutional provision, rules and court decisions.
HOUSE BILL 221

• AN ACT
• RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; CONSOLIDATING HEALTH CARE LICENSING BOARDS UNDER THE NEW MEXICO MEDICAL BOARD; AMENDING THE MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT; PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS, MONEY, APPROPRIATIONS, RECORDS, PROPERTY, CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND STATUTORY REFERENCES; AMENDING AND REPEALING SECTIONS OF THE NMSA 1978.

NP’s in the News

• Doctor shortage? 28 states may expand nurses' role  April 13th, 2010 @ 7:33pm By CARLA K. JOHNSON AP Medical Writer
CHICAGO (AP) - A nurse may soon be your doctor.
NP’s in the News

- **The New Doctors in the House** By Bernadine Healy, M.D. April 15, 2010.

  Nightingales are soaring. Gone are the days when medical etiquette had nurses standing at attention when doctors entered the room or silently bowing their white-capped heads when their own experience called a physician into question. *US News and World Report*

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- NM state representative position open 2011
- AANP NP Excellence Award