

2007 – 2008 Action Plan
ABA Health Law Section
Payment & Reimbursement Interest Group
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I. INTEREST GROUP GOALS

The Payment & Reimbursement Interest Group follows trends, changes and practices in reimbursement, billing and collection under Medicare, Medicaid and other federal and state health care programs. The group also tracks major development relating to reimbursement and payment policies of other third party payors including commercial insurers and self-insured entities.

II. INTEREST GROUP STRUCTURE

A. The Interest Group has liaisons with the following Committees:

1. The Health Lawyer—A member will be identified to coordinate involvement by IG members in writing article(s) for The Health Lawyer.
2. Technology-- Rene Y. Quashie serves as IG substantive webmaster to work with Adam Bielawski and the Council's Technology Advisory Group to assist in the enhancement of the Health Law Section's web site and coordinate submissions of substantive material by IG members to the web site.
3. Legislative Affairs—Thomas E. Dowdell serves as the IG's liaison to the Committee on Government Submissions and Policy and works with committee personnel in identifying legislative and regulatory initiatives appropriate for IG government submissions.
4. Membership. – Angela Lai serves as the IG's liaison to the Membership Committee.

III. MEMBERSHIP

- A. The IG has over 500 members. IG leadership will communicate quarterly with IG members regarding significant recent developments of interest to healthcare providers/suppliers and the health law bar.
- B. The IG leadership will encourage IG members to submit to the leadership prospective communications.

- C. The IG leadership will communicate regularly via list serve with IG members regarding ongoing IG projects and opportunities for participation in future projects.

IV. GOVERNMENT SUBMISSIONS

- A. The IG leadership will monitor federal and state legislative and regulatory initiatives, inform IG members of such initiatives, determine whether there is member interest in preparing government submissions, and oversee preparation of such government submissions.

V. PUBLICATION

- A. IG leadership is responsible for identifying articles for publication in The Health Lawyer or the eSource, and others appropriate for white papers to be distributed to IG members and possibly other HLS IGs. IG leadership plans to solicit IG members to author such articles and to develop ideas for book proposals.

VI. EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

- A. Emerging Issues in Healthcare Conference 2008. The IG is cosponsoring two sessions at EMI:
 - 1. Clinical Research Issues, cosponsored with the Healthcare Litigation & Risk Management and Biotech/Research Interest Groups.
 - 2. Payment (or Not) for Never Events, cosponsored with the Healthcare Litigation & Risk Management Interest Group.
 - 3. The IG leadership will hold an IG member luncheon and business meeting for Emerging Issues attendees to ensure that IG activities address members' priority concerns and to enhance member participation throughout the year.
- B. The IG leadership will publicize and hold at least two IG member teleconferences.
 - 1. One teleconference will be held in Winter 2007/2008 on the Challenges posed by the DFRR Notification Requirement, cosponsored with the Healthcare Fraud & Compliance Interest Group
 - 2. The second teleconference will be held in the Spring 2008 possibly addressing changes in Medicare's reassignment rules and anti-markup provision, cosponsored, if possible, with the Physician Payment Interest Group.

3. Third teleconference will be held in Summer 2008 on a current topic of interest.
- C. The IG leadership will assist the HLS's Programs Committee in its exploration of potential educational programs relating to Medicare/Medicaid payment and related issues.

VII. **TECHNOLOGY**

- A. The IG leadership has appointed Rene Quashie as its liaison to the Technology Committee to assist in the enhancement of the HLS's website, and to post substantive material and information prepared by IG members.
- B. The IG leadership will communicate regularly via List Serve, telephone conference calls, and quarterly update letters with IG members regarding significant recent developments of interest to health care providers/suppliers, and ongoing IG projects and opportunities for participation in future projects.
- C. The IG leadership will utilize the HLS's "Zoomerang" survey technology in assessing members' priority substantive concerns.