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ASTRAZENECA TO THE RESCUE *Free Medications*

If you have patients who meet the AstraZeneca criteria they could get their medications from this company for free.

A family of four earning \$60,000 or less qualifies as does an individual earning \$30,000 or less per year.

This means that there are over 25 million people that may be served.

Their Patient Assistance Program also offers one-on-one patient education and help trying to get free medications from other companies.

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HIPAA PRIVACY VIOLATION *First in Wisconsin*

A chiropractor has been cited by the Wisconsin Dept. of Regulation & Licensing through the Chiropractic Examining Board and has been issued a disciplinary violation order. This is the first time a HIPAA violation has been reported in Wisconsin.

The chiropractor failed to provide his patients with the HIPAA required

Notice of Rights under the Privacy Rule.

2007 MEDICARE RATES *On Line Now*

As last year, the proposed payment reimbursement reduction to Medicare providers has been averted. The fees have changed though due to the reworking of RVU's, practice expenses and provisions of the Deficit Reduction Act.

You have already been sent a CD with the 2007 fees on it or you can go to the Medicare website to see them.

MEDICAID INTEGRITY PLAN *CMS Oversight*

In July 2006 Congress initiated the Medicaid Integrity Plan (MIP). It will offer a unique opportunity to identify, recover and prevent incorrect T-19 payments. This is the first CMS national strategy to monitor fraud and abuse in the T-19 system in the 41 years of its' history.

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CMS has funded MIP with \$50 million dollars in 2007 and this budget will grow to \$75 million by 2009.

To justify these funds for you we'd like to offer a New York case. The NY State Medicaid Inspector General and the NY Attorney General announced that 16 people and 5 corporations have been indicted and NY is seeking recovery of \$22 million for their Medicaid plan. This is only one case!

HBMA and an article written for them by Shawn Keough-Hartz provided this information.

PLEXUS IS KEEPING PACE *2006 Was A Year of Investment*

Included with your month-end and year-end closing booklet was a brief summary of the services and technology we purchased and implemented in 2006. They were big steps for us as they streamlined our operations and allowed us to operate as usual without the hiring of additional personnel.

But, there does come a time when we have to breakdown and not rely solely on technology, so to this end, we would like to introduce Lisa Kaucic. She is working toward her fulltime status and will be handling out-of-state medical professionals and their unique requirements. We will let you out-of-state clients know when she will be fully trained and ready to take your calls.

This will allow Diane more time to oversee our numerous IT items, research and implement the newest brain child we have of becoming our own claims clearinghouse.

We also have in the works the purchase of an EMR program that is very easy to use and will be offered as a service by Plexus to all of our contracted clients.

This will be a template driven program that will be specific to your specialty and sub-specialties. We have found that this method is the easiest to use and fastest. No dictation or typing. You will be able to cancel your transcription services and save money. You will realize immediate turnaround time of your charting. You will be able to scan and save current paper charting. It will be web based so you won't have to download any software on your computer systems or have special hardware. You will not have to worry about backups or updates. Your entire chart notes or progress notes will be accessible from any computer location, but will have password security. You will be able to electronically send prescriptions and chart data to insurances.

Our goal is to offer all of this for one low monthly price. We will keep you informed on our progress to provide you with this valuable service.

SIGN UP

Not Everyone Is Signed Up Yet

Plexus offers your practice the unique opportunity to be on-line, live with us. This is a free service and takes 30 minutes to set up. You will also have access to our Scheduling program that interfaces with the billing system.

Please call us and set up an appointment to have this done. It will dramatically cut down on phone calls to us and increase your cash flow.

We are now scheduling appointments for early February.