



2013 OVERVIEW AND 2014 PRIORITIES

Overview of 2013 Activity

Complex Rehab Technology

1. Advocated for reintroduction, co-sponsorship and passage of *Ensuring Access to Quality Complex Rehabilitation Technology Act*
2. Meetings with CMS and ACL

Implementation of Healthcare Reform

3. Definition and scope of rehab/hab device coverage under State Exchanges Regulations
4. Definition and scope of rehab/hab device coverage under state Medicaid ABP regulations
5. Recommend to ACL that the agency create formal mechanism for tracking coverage of rehab and hab devices

DME Issues

6. Responded to capped rental rule
7. Drafted letter to CMS on delaying capped rental rule, and met with Hill staff
8. Met with CMS on Refine HCPCS coding process, particularly on mobility and O&P devices
9. Sent letters to CMS and met with Jonathan Blum on coverage of seat elevation under Medicare
10. Access to wheelchair repairs and other services under competitive bidding
11. Electronic Template and other Documentation Issues

Orthotics and Prosthetics

12. Medicare O&P Improvement Act
13. Physician Documentation and Chilling Effect on Access to Care
14. O&P Insurance Fairness Act

List of 2014 Priorities

1. Complex Rehab Technology
 - a. Advocated for passage of *Ensuring Access to Quality Complex Rehabilitation Technology Act*
 - b. Continue Meetings with CMS and ACL
 - c. Educate key members of Congress in advance of SGR health bill
2. Continue Defense of Access to Assistive Devices and Technologies in Long Term Budget Debate
 - a. SGR fix offsets – defense
 - b. Post Acute Care Reform discussion (CRT, low vision aids)
 - c. Medicare and Medicaid reforms generally (Advocate for CRT and low vision aids in this context)
3. Implementation of Healthcare Reform
 - a. Monitor coverage of devices under QHPs
 - b. Track and report coverage problems to states and HHS and ACL
 - c. Continue working on Definition and scope of rehab/hab device coverage under State Exchanges Regulations
 - d. Continue working on Definition and scope of rehab/hab device coverage under state Medicaid ABP regulation
4. Sight, Speech and Hearing Device Issues
 - a. Advocate for legislation that would demo low-vision aid coverage under
 - b. Essential health benefits and coverage under Medicaid ABPs
 - c. CMS coverage for low-vision aids
 - d. Medicaid coverage for tablets used for assistive listening and speech
 - e. Medicaid coverage for cochlear implants for adults and children
 - f. Other
5. DME Issues
 - a. Capped rental – meet with a Sebelius asking to delay implementation
 - b. Follow up with Tavenner on Seat Elevation under Medicare
 - c. Follow up with CMS on refining HCPCS coding process, particularly on mobility and O&P devices
 - i. Advocate CMS develop a process for reviewing policy changes and their effect on people with long term disabilities, with a specific focus on individuals between age 19 and 64

- d. Advocate to the Hill and CMS re: access to wheelchair repairs and other services under competitive bidding
 - e. 3 year minimum requirement and coverage for disposables
 - f. Electronic Template and other Documentation Issues
 - g. Health and Functional outcomes measures for Medicare DMEPOS benefit
6. Orthotics and Prosthetics
- a. Medicare O&P Improvement Act
 - b. Physician Documentation and Chilling Effect on Access to Care
 - c. O&P Insurance Fairness Act
 - d. New Off the shelf orthotics developments.
 - e. Injured and amputee Veterans Bill of Rights