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Are You Ready for RACs?

Thursday, February 7th

Marriott University Park Hotel, 480 Wakara Way, Salt Lake City

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Registration fee: \$30 per person; includes continental breakfast, break and program materials

Make checks payable to UHA, Utah Hospitals & Health Systems Association.

Send your registration form with payment by February 4th to:
UHA, Utah Hospitals & Health Systems Association
Attn: RAC Workshop
2180 S. 1300 East, Suite 440, Salt Lake City, UT 84106.
Fax: 801/486-0882

Due to high demand, no refunds will be given on this program for cancellations after Monday, February 4th. However, substitutions are encouraged.

Attendance is limited to first 50 registrants.



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Join us for an educational workshop to discuss Recovery Audit Contractors and how to prepare for their arrival at your facility

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Registration/Continental Breakfast
8:30-9:00 a.m.
Program: 9 a.m.-Noon

Presented by UHA, Utah Hospitals & Health Systems Association

About our speakers

Greg Ahern, RHIA, is a Manager in PricewaterhouseCoopers' Health Industry Advisory Practice with over fifteen years experience in the health information management field, specializing in coding compliance activities for acute care facilities. Prior to joining PricewaterhouseCoopers, Greg held positions as a Corporate HIM/Coding Manager at Hospital Corporation of America (HCA), Director of HIM, Coding Manager, Senior HIM/Coding Consultant and provided numerous independent coding consulting services to acute care facilities.

Jerry J. Bielak is a Healthcare Consulting Practice Partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in New York. Jerry is the leader of the SMART Practice of PricewaterhouseCoopers' health care consulting practice with more than 25 years of health care experience in the areas of hospital finance/planning, management consulting, investment banking and managed care. As a Partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers, Jerry focuses primarily on financial and planning engagements such as turnaround plans, performance building engagements, financial feasibility studies, distressed hospital planning, mergers and acquisitions, Certificates of Need, long-range planning and capital finance-related projects and managed care impact studies.

University Park Marriott

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Program overview

The Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 established the Medicare Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) program as a demonstration program to identify improper Medicare payments – both overpayments and underpayments. RACs are paid on a contingency fee basis, receiving a percentage of the improper overpayments and underpayments they collect from providers.

Under the demonstration pilot program operating in California, Florida and New York, RACs can review the last four years of provider claims for the following types of services: hospital inpatient and outpatient, skilled nursing facility, physician, ambulance and laboratory, as well as durable medical equipment. During fiscal year 2006, the RACs collected \$69 million in overpayments and found \$3 million in underpayments. An additional \$232 million was identified for collections, but the final outcome has yet to be determined. As part of the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006, the RAC will be expanded from a three-state pilot to a nationwide program by 2010. RACs are scheduled to commence in Utah in March, 2008.

This program will benefit CFOs, COOs, corporate compliance officers, in-house counsel, internal auditors, utilization managers and financial managers.

Topics to be covered include the following:

- Overview of the RAC initiative
- Mechanics of the RAC process
- Tips for preparing for RACs
- The New York RAC experience