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CPIP Seminars Offer Hospitals Reimbursement Know-How

ACCC'S Center for Provider Education will hold 21 Cancer Program Improvement Project (CPIP) seminars this fall. This updated four-hour course is designed for hospital-based oncology programs. CPIP seminars are ideal for cancer program administrators, hospital chief financial officers, pharmacy directors, and patient accounts directors. An ACCC trainer will brief attendees on the latest on payment rates for 2004 and 2005 with particular focus on how new legislation and regulations will affect hospital cancer programs.

Each session includes a discussion of rebilling; average sales price (ASP); charge preparation and capture; claims production; payment process; and building efficiency in the reimbursement process. Program participants receive the 2004 newly



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revised "Oncology Reimbursement Toolbox."

The CPIP seminar is an opportunity to bring a cross section of your hospital administrators/managers together to hear the latest information on reimbursement issues at the same time.

This program is offered free of charge on a first-come, first served basis. Interested hospitals can contact Susan Linyear, manager of ACCC provider education, at 301.984.9496, ext. 219 or by e-mail to *slinyear@accc-cancer.org*.

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And Courses for Practices, Too!

ACCC's educational seminar series, Life in the New Medicare Era: Coding, Billing and Management for Medical Oncology Practices, will be held in five cities in October:

- October 12, Portland, Ore.
- October 13, San Diego, Calif.
- October 27, Tulsa, Okla.
- October 28, Little Rock, Ark.
- October 29, Kansas City, Mo.

The course has received very favorable responses from practice managers, physician-owners, and coders/billers.

The next two webcasts of *Life in the New Medicare Era* will be on September 14 and October 12. The webcast will be archived on ACCC's web site for six months. For more information about attending the webcast, log onto ACCC's web site (*www.accc-cancer.org/ education*) or call Susan Linyear at 301.984.9496, ext. 219.

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