

# Region B Council

A coalition of state HME associations in Medicare Region B

## Region B Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 24, 2008  
**Re:** Region B Council Meeting  
**Location:** Castle Park Conference Center  
**Address:** 6415 Castleway West Drive  
Indianapolis, IN 46250  
**Time:** Council only 10:30 am – noon, Lunch noon – 1:00

Meeting minutes taken by Secretary Missy Cross.

1. **Call to Order and Introductions:** Paula Koenig, Region B Council Vice Chair opened the meeting with introductions.
2. **Operations:**
  - a. Financial Report through December 31, 2007: Deb Holman reviewed financial report.
    - i. All dues have been paid for 2007.
    - ii. Balance of approximately \$12,000.00 – reminder that if A-teams need a conference call it would be covered.
      1. Options for excess money – eliminate dues for next year?
      2. Other option is website – we will explore the benefits and expenses here.
    - iii. Motion to approve: Sara Hicklin.
    - iv. Seconded by Judy Bunn.
3. **Administrative Issues:**
  - a. Approval of the November 1, 2007 meeting minutes: Missy Cross, Secretary
    - i. Motion to approve: Deb Holman.
    - ii. Seconded by: Judy Bunn.
  - b. PSC Meetings with Dr. Hughes/Medical Director/Review back to DME MAC: Paula Koenig
    - i. Previous meeting minutes for November and December, January in process.
      1. One last conference call in February.
      2. Rose Schafhauser will contact Dr. Oleck to see if he would be attending the council meetings and/or conference calls. Dr. Oleck begins with NGS as of March 1, 2008.
    - ii. Repair Questions: sent out request for repair questions, will compile and Dr. Hughes will work on combining all questions/answers and/or explore policy.
      1. Need to spell out situations for them to address it.
        - a. Replacement vs. repair.
        - b. When do you use RP modifier – before 5 years or after.
        - c. Please provide examples to Rose Schafhauser so we can put together a listing of questions to present to NGS.
        - d. Need an update on HCPCS request from Dr. Hughes to SADMERC.
    - iii. K0823 audit will it remain with Dr. Hughes or transition to Dr. Oleck?
    - iv. Revise policy to update policies with codes – what is the status?
    - v. Another policy that needs update: CMN updates need to be address in the policies.
  - c. A-Team Updates: All A-Team Leaders
    - i. No questions.

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- d. National Supplier Clearinghouse Advisory Committee (NSCAC) Update: Tom Heinrich/Judy Bunn
  - i. January 2008 teleconference meeting update.
    - 1. Brian Banks has changed positions within the NSCAC.
    - 2. We need to get with the NSCAC about accreditation with new stores for small suppliers vs. a company with greater than 25 stores.
  - ii. Current Region B Reps for NSCAC: Tom Heinrich, Tim Pontius, Melissa Hite (Lincare) and Judy Bunn. Reps should be HME providers and are in need of non-national companies.
    - 1. Judy is no longer a provider – is someone else willing to participate?
  - iii. Next meeting will be at Medtrade in May and will be open to all.
  - iv. Reminders for NSCAC: Request for questions, reports on site visits, forward to NSCAC Operations/Region B Council office [schafhause@aol.com](mailto:schafhause@aol.com).

#### **4. Topics for today's meeting**

- a. Legislative issues: All
  - i. Competitive Bidding, round 2 announced:
    - 1. Share information with us on processing of claims.
  - ii. Capping of oxygen:
    - 1. Need an update for how this is going to work. Please ask CMS to give instructions – please deal with this. If you have specific questions, please send them to Rose.
  - iii. Power Wheelchairs:
    - 1. Fee schedule for 2008, price differences for mini joy stick controls. If bill with KC modifier – KC used instead of RP modifier and HCPCS is paid less.
    - 2. K0830 and K0831 fee amounts are no longer available for 2008. How will they process these?
- b. Other: All
  - i. Has anyone had a problem with Names and claims rejects? Some have received some back via mail but not a large amount.
  - ii. Status of update on CPAP calling every month (and therefore all other rental equipment).

#### **5. Future meeting dates and location:**

- a. April 3, 2008.

#### **6. Adjournment: Lunch was provided.**