

# QUARTERLY REPORT FROM THE VENDORSHIP AND MANAGED CARE COMMITTEE

The Vendorship and Managed Care Committee met by teleconference in November, December and January and continues to communicate by email, providing occasional bulletins to members. This Committee is made up of twelve representatives from the various NYSSCSW Chapters. Its mission is to gather and disseminate information, offer support to individual members and consider how the Society might influence external forces affecting the profession.

The chief issues being explored by the Committee include the following:

New CPT Codes required by Medicare and commercial insurance companies on all claims after January 1.

*Billing Essentials*, a compendium of resources for submitting claims compiled by the Committee, including practice management software, billing services and clearinghouses for electronic billing, published on the NYSSCSW website. To view, go to [www.nysscsw.org](http://www.nysscsw.org) and click on a button for Billing Essentials in the left hand column.

Medicare changes including the Physicians Quality Reporting System (PRQS), reimbursement rates, and copayments.

Future events to be sponsored by the Committee including a seminar/teleconference on Medicare planned for April.

The Committee has created a list of short bulletins on the Vendorship and Managed Care webpage of the NYSSCSW. To view, go to <http://www.nysscsw/vendorship-a-managed-care>. If you have questions for members of the Committee you will find contact information there.

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