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Important “Shadow Billing” Update

SEAMO RECEIVES LETTER FROM THE MINISTRY

Attached to this newsletter is an electronic copy of a letter received from the Ministry of Health. This letter outlines key features of the registration and claims submission processes required of SEAMO physicians.

Please read the Ministry letter carefully, as it contains information and instructions on necessary next steps. These next steps will vary based on your i. current registration status and ii. chosen method for claims submission.

“At Cost” Central Billing Service

SEAMO has established an in-house "at cost" central billing service that will provide data input and data quality.

In order to minimize costs associated with data input and quality, it is required that all claims be brought forward in a legible, consistent and standardized format (e.g. a pick list or structured billing sheet). The cost of this service (excluding one time setup costs) will be billed back to Departments on a per code (not per claim) basis. The billing software has been optimized to support high quality rapid data entry by skilled data entry personnel. It will also leverage existing patient demographic data from the PCS to minimize duplicate data entry.

For Departments/Divisions already capturing billing data electronically (or have plans to do so in the future), an interface will be in place to support electronic data transfer providing the billing data feed strictly adheres to the billing software's interface specifications.

Please contact John Lott (KGH ext 4202, lottj@kgh.kari.net) if you are interested or have questions regarding the central billing service.

Ministry Information Sessions

The MoHLTC will provide on-site information sessions on EDT and diskette claims submission along with an opportunity to complete forms. These sessions are scheduled for December 7, 2005, in the Richardson Lab Ampitheatre. There are three sessions scheduled: 0700h to 0800h; 0800h to 0900h; and, 12noon to 1300h.