



FLORIDA SOCIETY OF CLINICAL ONCOLOGY FAX BLAST –January 29, 2009

FLASCO WEBSITE: www.flasco.org

FLASCO CLINICAL TRIALS NETWORK WEBSITE: www.fctn.org

MESSAGE FROM THE FLASCO PRESIDENT: Robert Cassell, MD

I am pleased to report that **ONCOLOGY SUPPLY/ION** and **CELGENE CORPORATION** have renewed their Platinum Membership and **GENOMIC HEALTH** has renewed it's Gold Membership with FLASCO for 2009! Thanks for your continued support of FLASCO.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Rogerio Lilenbaum, MD, Chairman

Save the date for Highlights of ASH®

This year one of the Highlights of ASH is taking place in Miami, FL, on February 6-7, 2009. The following is a direct link to the Highlights information on the ASH Web site: <http://hematology.org/meetings/highlights/index.cfm#2>
The FLASCO member code is FLH09 – FLASCO special registration fee - \$110. Let's have a good showing of attendees from FLASCO! REGISTER TODAY

Save the date for FLASCO Annual Meeting & Spring Session:

The 2009 FLASCO Annual Meeting and Spring Session will be held on February 27 and 28, 2009, at the Marriott Sawgrass Resort near Jacksonville. The President of ASCO and the CEO of ASCO will both speak at the dinner on Friday, February 27. Please mark your calendars to attend this meeting. A meeting announcement and registration form has been mailed to all FLASCO members. **DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS: FEB. 3, 2009.** A registration form can be found on our website: www.flasco.org – under events or contact the FLASCO Office.

CLINICAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE: Thomas Gaddis, MD, Chairman

20% Co-Payment

We have received a number of inquiries regarding patients being required to make a 20% co-payment on chemo treatments under some Plans. It is extremely important for every FLASCO practice to send letters to your patients making them aware of the potential problem.

FLASCO contacted the FMA to see if there was anything we could do legislatively – and their response was: “The short answer, I guess, would be no. Unfortunately, Medicare Advantage is a federal plan and as such, Florida can only require that the insurers be licensed in this state and meet/maintain solvency requirements (which Florida already does) “

CMS UPDATES:

Additional Information –Internet based PECOS

For information about Internet-based PECOS, including important information that physicians and non-physician practitioners should know before submitting a Medicare enrollment application via Internet-based PECOS, go to www.cms.hhs.gov/MedicareProviderSupEnroll.

MEDLEARN MATTERS:

New:

MM6285 – New Contractor Numbers for the Jurisdiction 9 (J9) Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Part A and Part B Workloads for the State of Florida and Territories of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands – for complete information please visit: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6285.pdf>

The workloads to be transitioned, effective dates and new numbers are indicated in the following tables:

PART A	MAC Workload Number	Effective Date	Current Contractor Number
Florida	09101	02/16/2009	00090
Puerto Rico Virgin Islands	09201	03/02/2009	57400 and 00468

PART B	MAC Workload Number	Effective Date	Current Contractor Number
Florida	09102	02/02/2009	00590
Puerto Rico	09202	03/02/2009	00973
Virgin Islands	09302	03/02/2009	00974

The Florida **Part A and Part B** workloads are currently processed by:

First Coast Service Options, Inc
 (BLUE CROSS AND BLUE SHIELD OF FLORIDA, INC.)
 532 Riverside Avenue
 Jacksonville, Florida 32202

The Puerto Rico and United States Virgin Islands **Part A** workload is currently processed by:

Cooperativa de Seguros de Vida de Puerto Rico
 GPO Box 363428
 San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936-3428

The Puerto Rico/Virgin Islands **Part B** workload is currently processed by:

Triple-S, Inc.
 Box 71391
 San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936-1391

Revised:

MM6325 - Claim Status Category Code and Claim Status Code Update:
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/MM6325.pdf>

ASCO UPDATE:

HHS Issues Final ICD-10 Code Sets

On January 20, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued the final regulations establishing International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) as the standard code set for diagnosis and inpatient hospital procedures.

The ICD-10 rule, "HIPAA Administrative Simplification: Modifications to Medical Data Code Set Standards to Adopt ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS," is available [online](http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-743.htm) (http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-743.htm) CMS also has developed a [fact sheet](#) describing the new rule.

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/media/press/factsheet.asp?Counter=3407&intNumPerPage=10&checkDate=&checkKey=&srchType=1&numDays=3500&srchOpt=0&srchData=&keywordType=All&chkNewsType=6&intPage=&showAll=&pYear=&year=&desc=&cboOrder=date>

The final rule will replace the ICD-9-CM code sets now used to report health care diagnoses and procedures with greatly expanded ICD-10 code sets. The compliance date of the ICD-10 is October 1, 2013. In October, ASCO joined more than 100 health and medical associations in issuing comments to HHS Secretary Michael Leavitt on adoption of the ICD-10.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

The CBCE, along with conference chairmen Dr. Rogerio Lilenbaum and Dr. Mark Socinski, would like to invite all FLASCO members to the upcoming Winter Lung Cancer Conference, **March 6-8th in Sunny Isles Beach, FL**. We are pleased to extend to FLASCO members a discounted conference registration rate of **\$75.00**.

This activity is intended for medical, surgical, and radiation oncologists; thoracic surgeons; pulmonologists; nurses; pharmacists; advanced practitioners; physician assistants; and other healthcare professionals interested in the treatment of patients with lung cancer. The program is accredited for physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and physician assistants.

Registration Link: www.thebce.com/wlcc

CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP/SPONSORSHIP: (January 1 – December 31, 2009)

FLASCO Members extend a big thanks to all of our 2009 Corporate Members/Sponsors (Companies listed below have either paid 2009 dues or have submitted letters of intent)

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Genomic Health
Wyeth
Roche
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Pharmaceuticals

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Ortho Biotech
Genentech
GlaxoSmithKline
The Phipps Wealth
Management Group
Novartis
Astra Zeneca

FLASCO 2009 MEETINGS:

February 27 & 28, 2009 – FLASCO Spring Meeting – Marriott Sawgrass – Jacksonville

November 6-7, 2009 – FLASCO Fall Meeting – Tampa Airport Marriott Hotel

March 6-7, 2010 – Location TBD

FLASCO EVENTS:

FLASCO is co-sponsoring the following two Events:

(1) February 6 & 7, 2009 – Highlights of ASH – Miami - <http://hematology.org/meetings/highlights/index.cfm#2>.

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(2) March 20, 2009 – Statewide PA & NP Conference, Moffitt Cancer Center – Tampa

OTHER EVENTS:

March 6 – 8, 2009 – Sixth Annual Winter Lung Cancer Conference – Sunny Isles Beach, FL - <http://www.thebce.com/>

April 3 – 4, 2009 – OMF 2009 Spring Conference – Renaissance Orlando at Sea World

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