



## FLORIDA SOCIETY OF CLINICAL ONCOLOGY FAX BLAST – January 3, 2008

**IMPORTANT:** - Approximately half of Florida MDs are set to have their licenses to practice medicine expire on January 31, 2008, however, the Florida Department of Health reports that only 57 percent have renewed their license to date.

If you have not received your licensure renewal information and are unsure if it is time to renew, visit [www.flhealthsource.com](http://www.flhealthsource.com) to view your profile. Your license expiration date should be at the top. You cannot practice if your license expires. Renewing after the deadline is costly and time-consuming. Additionally, third-party payers may refuse to reimburse you for services rendered under an inactive license, so renewing early is important. The Board of Medicine has made this easy by putting the renewal process online. To renew online, go to [www.flhealthsource.com](http://www.flhealthsource.com) and click on “Licensees/Provider” and then “Renew License.” You will need an account/user ID number and password, which was included in your license renewal notice sent in October. If you do not have your notice, you may email [licensure\\_services@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:licensure_services@doh.state.fl.us) or call 850.488.0595, and press menu option 3.

The licensure renewal process has a new requirement this year. The Legislature passed a bill that requires all physicians to complete a Physician Workforce Survey as a condition of licensure renewal. The information submitted in the survey will help our state identify physician workforce issues and plan for Florida's health care future

### **FCSO UPDATES:**

#### **Part B Electronic Claims Processing Delays**

This is to inform you that electronic media claims (EMC) received on Wednesday, January 2, 2008 through Friday, January 4, 2008 will not be processed or brought into the MCS system until January 7, 2008. For this reason, status information for claims received during this timeframe will not be available via the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) or through the Customer Service Representative until the week of January 7, 2008. Please do not resubmit these claims, as they would result in duplicate receipts.

The processing of these claims will resume the week of January 7, 2008 utilizing the following schedule:

<b>Original EMC Receipt Date</b>	<b>Scheduled Process Date</b>
January 2, 2008	January 7, 2008
January 3, 2008	January 8, 2008
January 4, 2008	January 9, 2008

For the most up-to-date information regarding this issue, please visit the FCSO website at <http://www.fcsoc.com>.

#### **Modifiers GZ and GA:**

Practices have been receiving frequent notifications concerning the **modifiers GZ and GA**. Please be sure to read the descriptions and understand the differences for use.

- Modifier GZ must be used when physicians, practitioners, or suppliers want to indicate that they expect that Medicare will deny an item or service as not reasonable and necessary and they have not had an advance beneficiary notification (ABN) signed by the beneficiary.

- Modifier GA must be used when physicians, practitioners, or suppliers want to indicate that they expect that Medicare will deny a service as not reasonable and necessary and they do have on file an ABN signed by the beneficiary.
- All claims not meeting medical necessity of a local coverage determination must append the billed service with modifier GA or GZ.

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**November 7-8, 2008** – FLASCO Fall Meeting – Tampa Airport Marriott Hotel

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