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PHYSICIAN NOTES: Finally: All Four RACs List Areas of Review on Their Web Sites

Plus: Power wheelchair suppliers balk at OIG report.

If you've been waiting for your recovery audit contractor (RAC) to list review areas where it's focusing its audit efforts, the time is here. All four of the RACs have posted review areas on their Web sites.

The most common review areas, which overlap two or more RACs, are blood transfusions, IV hydration services, and bronchoscopy billing. Other issues that one or more RACs are reviewing include urological bundling and wheelchair bundling.

Keep in mind: When a RAC lists its open issues, it also lists the applicable states where it is reviewing them. For instance, Region B (CGI Federal) lists three review issues on its Web site, but they only apply to providers in Indiana, Michigan, and Minnesota. CGI has not yet listed the issues for the other states it oversees (such as Kentucky and Ohio).

Bottom line: To stay on top of the issues that your RAC is reviewing, check in on the applicable Web site from time to time.

For a full list of the RACs, their accompanying Web addresses, and the states that each RAC represents, email editor Torrey Kim at torrey@partbinsider.com.