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**Practice Manager Meeting**

**Next Meeting:**

Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8:00 AM

**Enjoy the Annual End of the Year PM  
Meeting at:  
Meadow Edge at West Sayville Country  
Club**

**Location:**

200 Main Street

West Sayville, NY 11796

(This is the mansion on the grounds of the  
West Sayville Golf Course)



Please visit [www.spo-ny.org](http://www.spo-ny.org).

Registration is simple, quick, and  
limited to current members!

**NEED HELP?**

- Practice Management Problems
- Claims Issues
- Medical Policy Concerns

Call Susan Rooney  
at (631) 446-4848 or email  
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**Time to do your OSHA and HIPAA Annual Employee Training**

Schedule your staff to go over your written Exposure Control plan for OSHA and review your HIPAA Privacy Policies and procedures.

- Have employees review your plan and procedures and/or watch a video training program
- Have employees sign in to a training attendance log which you should retain.
- Allow and encourage questions and concerns.

SPO has videos available on loan for both subjects. Contact Ralph Valenzuela at (212) 953-1504 ( or email [rvalenzuela@goldhealthstrategies.com](mailto:rvalenzuela@goldhealthstrategies.com)) to schedule a loan date.

Questions on either subject may be directed to Carolee Hildenbrandt, RN, Consultant ([childenbrandt@goldhealthstrategies.com](mailto:childenbrandt@goldhealthstrategies.com)) or call (212) 953-1504.

**2018 Exclusion from MIPS**

There are exclusions for individual clinicians or groups of clinicians billing through a common tax identification number (TIN):

- Clinicians in their first calendar year of Medicare Part B participation
  - Clinicians billing \$90,000 or less in Medicare Part B allowed charges
- OR**
- Furnished covered professional services to 200 or fewer Medicare Part B enrolled beneficiaries

**Breast Cancer Screening**

Try again to talk to your patients who say “No”.

Reinforce the Importance of Early Detection.

Ask them to think about it, and send them out with  
a referral for a mammography.



**Obtain Medicare Advantage Plan and Medicare Secondary Payer Information through NGS (National Government Service)**

When a beneficiary has coverage through a MA plan, coverage is not handled by NGS. However, the eligibility tab in NGS Connex will provide the Medicare Advantage Plan number, name, and effective/termination dates. You can also determine if a beneficiary has a primary payer to Medicare. You can review MSP (Medicare Secondary Payer Information in the eligibility tab) to determine if a primary insurance needs to be billed prior to billing Medicare.

For more information, visit <http://ipro.org> or call (518) 320-3562.