

## Part 199.15

# Quality And Utilization Review Peer Review Organization Program

Revision:

Rule:

**(a) General.**

- (1) Purpose.
- (2) Applicability of program.
- (3) Contractor implementation.
- (4) Medical issues affected.
- (5) Provider responsibilities.
- (6) Medicare rules used as model.

**(b) Objectives and general requirements of review system--**

- (1) In general.
- (2) Payment exclusion for services provided contrary to utilization and quality standards.
- (3) Review of services covered by DRG-based payment system.
- (4) Preauthorization and other utilization review procedures--
  - (i) In general.
  - (ii) Preauthorization procedures.
  - (iii) Payment reduction for noncompliance with required utilization review procedures.

**(c) Hospital cooperation.**

**(d) Areas of review--**

- (1) Admissions.
- (2) DRG validation.
- (3) Outlier review.
- (4) Procedure review.
- (5) Other review.

**(e) Actions as a result of review--**

- (1) Findings related to individual claims.
- (2) Findings related to a pattern of inappropriate practices.
- (3) Revision of coding relating to DRG validation.

**(f) Special procedures in connection with certain types of health care services or certain types of review activities--**

- (1) In general.
- (2) Services not covered by the DRG-based payment system.

- (3) Peer review activities by contractors also performing other administration or management functions--
  - (i) Sole-function PRO versus multi-function PRO.
  - (ii) Special rules and procedures.
  
- (g) Procedures regarding initial determinations.**
  
- (h) Procedures regarding reconsiderations.**
  
- (i) Appeals and hearings.**
  
- (j) Acquisition, protection and disclosure of peer review information.**
  
- (k) Limited immunity from liability for participants in PRO program.**
  
- (l) Additional provision regarding confidentiality of records--**
  - (1) General rule.
  - (2) Specific applications.
  
- (m) Obligations, sanctions and procedures.**
  
- (n) Authority to integrate CHAMPUS PRO and military medical treatment facility utilization review activities.**