

## Did you know?

CPPG... received contract management fees from vendors for the year 2003 totaling \$53,019. These fees help keep your annual dues lower!

CPPG... is a not-for-profit corporation. Our main goals are to save physicians' time and money.

Greater Newport Physicians... will contribute \$100 to the CPPG membership fees for each exclusive participating GNP physician.

All CPPG-contracted vendors are provided with a membership list. Join now to utilize these great services!

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## CPPG Coding Workshop - March 18 Coding Analysis to Maximize Reimbursement

CPPG's upcoming Coding Workshop will provide information on where to look for and how to use CPT and ICD-9 codes appropriately, and how coding can affect your reimbursement. E/M codes and documentation guidelines will be reviewed, including instruction on doing a self-audit.

The seminar will include two sessions: "Primary Care" from 8 to 11:30 a.m. and "Specialists" from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Program content in each session will be the same, but the questions discussed in each will vary. The seminar is free for CPPG Physician members and office staff may attend for a small fee.

Watch for the flyer and be sure to register early, as space is limited! Please call Ellen Kietz at 949/574-4644 for more information.

## New Services

### Hallmark Insurance

Discounts off insurance coverage premiums are available for CPPG members when purchased through CPPG's newly contracted, multi-line insurance brokers; Hallmark Associates Insurance Services. The contracted, discounted rates are for disability income coverage, premises liability, business property coverage and long-term care. Health benefits and workers' compensation policies are also available. Hallmark Associates has been insuring professionals and businesses in Orange and Los Angeles counties since 1987.

Call David Slaton at 800/843-1308, ext. 255 for quotes.

### Bank of America

Bank of America is offering preferential banking services for business and personal accounts to all CPPG members, including office staff and family members. The accounts must be opened at the Newport Center branch. Please call Kathy Anderson at 949/760-4577 for more information.

In addition, Bank of America is offering members a discounted rate of 1.59 percent on credit card processing with no long-term contracts, penalty for cancellation, or annual fees. Please call Michelle Murphy-Haneline at 949/380-3873 for more information.

## Additional Services Update

### Entertainment Discounts

**Regal Theater Tickets:** Tickets can be purchased from CPPG for \$5.50 for shows 10 days or older (VIP Super Saver), and \$6.50 for anytime discount tickets (Premier Unrestricted Super Saver). All tickets can be redeemed at any Regal, Edwards, or United Artists Theaters (large theaters at Irvine Spectrum are unavailable for discount).

Call Rosalie at 949/574-4644 for purchasing information.

### Watch for the Vendor Fair

Our third annual vendor fair will be held in late spring at the Turnip Rose.

Watch for invitations to come soon!

### CAP-MPT

Members who have CPT-MPT Malpractice Insurance may be entitled to a 5 percent discount off their yearly assessments.

Call Ellen Kietz at 949/574-4644 for more information.

## Information & Contacts

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We welcome your suggestions on current and future articles.

## New Services continued...

### Wybtrak Credentialing Software

Wybtrak is used to improve the efficiency and economics of the credentialing enrollment process for providers. The software maps provider information directly into the insurance company forms. It tracks dates of submission, contact information and dates of contact. The forms included in the software are the California Standard Application, which all California insurance companies accept, and the appropriate Medicare form.

Please contact Michael Horlacher for information at 877/992-8725.

### POS

Professional Office Services Inc. (POS) has agreed to offer CPPG members discounts off of charting and printing supplies from 5 percent to 35 percent. POS has a 33-year history of serving the medical community and a money-back guarantee of satisfaction.

For more information, please contact Colleen Maestas at 714/633-5524.

### Pitney Bowes

Pitney Bowes has discounted four different types of postage meters for our members. Being the industry leader in providing leading-edge mail solutions, they put their customers first and guarantee customer satisfaction.

Please call Cortney Kempf at 800/322-8000, ext. 51474 for more information.

### Medical Disposal Transport Inc.

Medical Disposal Transport Inc. (MDT) will offer CPPG members special pricing of \$50 per pickup per 45-gallon container with a maximum weight of 25 pounds, either weekly or monthly. Their price includes OSHA and MWMP compliance training at no additional charge. MDT has been disposing of medical waste in Southern California since 1994, providing our members with courteous, prompt service.

Please call Eleanor Davis at 800/977-9927 for more information.

### Coast Technologies

Coast Technologies, a provider of computer support services, has agreed to offer CPPG members discounted fees for system and network services. In addition, they are offering a discounted rate of \$50 per month for DSL service, including installation and modem. Although you may be able to find small companies that offer the same or lower rates, the standard of service offered by Coast Technologies is unparalleled.

For more information, please contact Lenny Flamm at 949/752-9520, ext 230.

### McKesson Medical Update:

McKesson has signed a manufacturer's contract with Bayer for better pricing on Multistix #2161 for CPPG members.

Please ask your McKesson Representative for new pricing.