

Did you know?

CPPG received contract management fees from vendors for the year 2004-2005 totaling \$56,828. These fees help keep your annual dues lower!

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

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

The easiest way to access the services offered by CPPG is to go to our Web site, www.CPPG.org, which is updated weekly. Call 949/574-4644 with questions.

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

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CAP/MPT Five Percent CPPG Discount

CPPG Membership Deadline for 2006 Discount: Oct. 25, 2005

If you are a CAP/MPT member, call today to find out how joining CPPG can save you money. Members signing up with CAP/MPT this year must call to make sure we have you listed on the CAP-MPT participation list. If you have malpractice coverage through another carrier and you would like to receive premium pricing information to compare to your current policy, please call the number listed below. To receive the 2006 five percent discount, you must become a CPPG member by Oct. 25, 2005.

The CAP/MPT Malpractice Assessment Discount Program is one of CPPG's most popular services. More than 350 physician members receive the five percent discount, and the number continues to increase. For more information, call Ellen Kietz at 949/574-4644.

Controlling Overhead - Cutting Costs with Surgical Precision

Seminar - Nov. 16

Coastal Physicians Purchasing Group will be hosting a seminar for physicians, their managers and staff to assist them in preparing clear reports that will make it easier to understand practice overhead, and explore the most productive areas in which to save money. Scheduled for Nov. 16, the seminar will be presented by Jeff Denning, a practice management consultant since 1976 who has given more than 1,000 workshops and seminars, and consulted with hundreds of practices nationwide. CPPG physician members will be able to attend free of charge and their staff members can attend for \$35. Non-member physicians and office personnel may attend for a fee of \$50.

Don't miss this great opportunity to improve your practice performance. Watch the mail for the registration form or download it from the Web site. Call Ellen Kietz at 949/574-4644 for more information.

Additional Services Update Entertainment Discounts

Regal Theater Tickets: Tickets can be purchased from CPPG for \$6 for shows 12 days or older (VIP Super Saver), and \$7 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 available for discount with an additional fee).

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

OC Register

The Orange County Register has changed the staff recruitment ads to include one week on the OC Job Finder Web site. Please call Rosalie at 949/574-4644 for information on the new increased fees and format.

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We welcome your suggestions on current and future articles.

Coastal Physicians Purchasing Group Board Opening

As a participant in Coastal Physicians Purchasing Group, you have a unique opportunity to contribute to the organization's direction and future success. It is time to fill an upcoming CPPG Board vacancy, and all members are eligible to be elected to this position.

The CPPG Board oversees the strategic direction of the organization and reviews and approves the products and services available to the 540 CPPG members. The Board consists of six physician representatives and four hospital representatives. They meet on a quarterly basis to discuss current and future product and service offerings. In addition, board members determine policies and are ambassadors of CPPG to other physicians. Please call Ellen Kietz at 949/574-4644 if you are interested in being on the board.

New Services

Please go to www.CPPG.org for contact information for these services or call 949/574-4644.

ProxyMed - Electronic Claims Processing

ProxyMed will offer CPPG members up to a 50 percent discount on transactions and significant discounts on a variety of services. ProxyMed's greatest value is in providing a "paperless" solution to manage the status of claims submitted electronically. They achieve this through response sorting "by exception" and assist physician clients in identifying problem claims without having to search through reams of paper reports. ProxyMed is not just a clearinghouse but also a "one-stop shop" for all transaction services. They offer all of their services in real time.

The leading national clearinghouse and healthcare transactions network, ProxyMed supports more than 140,000 physicians and processes over 250 million transactions annually. They offer direct connectivity to more than 450 payers, and have a sophisticated suite of unique claims management tools that assist providers in managing accounts receivable using claims status and payer reports.

Medadent - Medical Waste Management

Medadent, a biomedical waste reclamation service provider based in Southern California, offers discounted rates to CPPG members of \$44 per pick-up. Their full-service program is designed to help protect members against potential liabilities and injuries associated with the handling, transportation and disposal of regulated medical waste. Their integrated services include regulated medical waste collection, transportation treatment, disposal, reduction, reuse and recycling services, together with related training and education programs.

ThinkInc. Medical Solutions - Temporary Agency

ThinkInc. Medical Solutions, a new temporary agency CPPG has contracted with, has agreed to offer CPPG members a mark-up rate of 40 percent with 400 hours temp to hire. Please go to "Temporary Agencies" on the CPPG Web site for contact information.

Discontinued Services

Pitney Bowes
Encore Staffing