

Did you know?

CPPG received contract management fees from vendors for the year 2004 totaling \$55,880. 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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Fourth Annual Vendor Fair - May 12

Coastal Physicians Purchasing Group is once again holding the annual vendor fair. Don't miss this great opportunity to meet CPPG vendors and find ways to lower your practice expenses. Enjoy a gourmet lunch and a chance to win more than 25 door prizes, each worth \$50 or more.

The vendor fair and gourmet lunch will be held at the Grand Turnip Rose in Newport Beach on May 12 from noon to 2 p.m. Physician members and their office managers are invited as our guests to meet 30 of our vendors. Non-members are also invited to attend for a fee of \$30. If you join CPPG the day of the fair, the fee will be refunded.

Check your mail for the registration form or download it from the CPPG Web site. Call Ellen Kietz at 949/574-4644 for more information.

McKesson Medical Contract Renewal

McKesson has signed a new agreement with CPPG for a three-year term. CPPG was able to negotiate a two percent increase on products and a 1.5 percent increase to the delivered cost mark-up.

CPPG recognizes the importance of doing comparison-shopping but reminds members not to disclose the McKesson pricing to other vendors. This information enables alternative vendors to undercut McKesson's pricing. Since these vendors have no contract to keep the lower pricing in place, they can raise it at any time. However, McKesson must keep the same pricing for three years unless the price increases over the delivered cost or individual CPPG manufacturers' contracts increase pricing. Please ask your McKesson representative for new pricing.

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.

CAP-MPT

Members who have CAP-MPT malpractice insurance may be entitled to a five percent discount off their yearly assessments. Call Ellen at 949/574-4644 for more information.

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We welcome your suggestions on current and future articles.

2005 Annual Survey

Congratulations to Dr. Chesnie, winner of the \$100 gift certificate to South Coast Plaza! CPPG wishes to thank everyone who participated in the 2005 survey. With your input, we will be able to refine and improve the CPPG program.

This year's survey revealed that quite a few members do not use the CPPG Web site. As a reminder, this is the most efficient way of accessing the services contracted with CPPG. The Web site, located at www.cppg.org, is updated weekly and has a "What's New" section that lists all new services and information. Please call Rosalie at 949/574-4644 if you have forgotten your password.

In addition, we are pleased to note that 93 percent of the respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with the CPPG program!

New Services

Smart Document Solutions

Does your office spend too much time copying and mailing medical records? CPPG has just signed a new contract with Smart Document Solutions to come to your office, scan and mail records for you. You will receive a credit (1:1 ratio) for each billable page copied of an additional courtesy page. If you are interested in this new program, call the company representative, Barbara Galindo, at 949/643-0041 for more information.

Orange County Medical Group Management Association

Orange County Medical Group Management Association (OCMGMA) networking and educational programs are held the third Wednesday of each month at the organization's conference center in Orange.

OCMGMA is the regional affiliate of Medical Group Management Association (MGMA), the largest national organization dedicated to promoting the education and advancement of medical group practice executives. Membership is comprised of health care administrators, medical office managers, administrative physicians and other medical practice and healthcare executives. State, regional and specialty-specific chapters are components of a highly respected organization that offers conference opportunities, an excellent resource library, educational programs, newsletters and invaluable networking resources.

Membership fees are \$110 annually and \$20 for monthly meetings (or \$30 for non-members). Monthly meeting fees include lunch at the conference center and the educational program. CPPG members will receive a \$10 per year discount off the annual fees. Please call Carole Jacolick at 949/282-1608 for additional membership information.

Discontinued Services

Arch Wireless