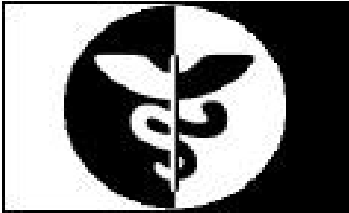


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## Information for Medicare B Providers



In an effort to save administrative costs, CMS has reduced the funds available for Provider Education and Training. They have mandated that Carriers discontinue the printing and mailing of any bulletins/newsletters scheduled for distribution between July 1, 2001 and September 30, 2002. Carriers will continue to develop bulletin/newsletter materials, but these will only be available on the medicarehnic.com website. The complete bulletin can be accessed for review and download at [www.medicarehnic.com/download/pdf/02-03.pdf](http://www.medicarehnic.com/download/pdf/02-03.pdf).

If you are unable to get "online" to download the September 2002 Medicare B Resource, and require a copy for your office, please call Avanta and ask for Andy. We can fax a copy of the Medicare B Resource to your office, however please keep in mind that this is a large reader and will print about 100 pages.

If you currently use a slow dial-up connection for Internet access and want to jump ahead with high-speed DSL, or if you are not yet connected to the Internet and think it is finally time to get "online," please call us at 818-706-9191, and ask for Chip.

Please note that DSL service is not yet offered in all areas, so first check with your telephone service provider about DSL availability.

## *FREE Seminars*

This next free seminar will actually be two different seminar topics; the Appointment Scheduler Seminar will be offered on Tuesday, October 29, and the Groupbuilder Seminar will be offered on Wednesday, October 30.

The Appointment Scheduler Seminar will review all Appointment Scheduler features including setup, shortcuts, appointments, and customizing features that will allow your office to run more effectively and efficiently. The Groupbuilder Seminar will review how to make a group, use groups throughout the system, customize groups, use the MedBase Group Builder, and generally be more productive and efficient with Avanta groups.

Avanta offers the choice of four free seminars over two days, a morning and afternoon session for each topic. Please contact Jennifer at Avanta to RSVP.

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## HIPAA Extension

To assure that all extensions are submitted well before the October 15 deadline, we mailed out an ASCA Form extension package to all electronic billing clients. This package will include the extension form, and a letter that will detail information on why you need to fill out the form, suggestions on how to answer some of the questions on the form, and information on filling out the form online.

The ASCA Form package has been mailed out, and should be delivered to your office this week. Please make sure this packaged is addressed by your office ASAP. If you have any questions regarding HIPAA, or the extension form, please call Avanta and ask for Andy.

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