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**TXRPC News
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Education Road Show... YOU can help sponsor CEU sessions

TXRPC joined Sammons Preston in sponsoring an educational seminar at South Texas College in McAllen on December 10, 2005. This seminar earned participants 7.5 contact hours (.75 CEU's) with TPTA and NRRTS. South Texas College provided classroom space in exchange for discounted attendance cost for therapy and nursing students. Michael Bird of Marshall Mobility Plus commented that the RTS's, Therapists, and students rated the presentation by Ginny Paleg, MSPT, as outstanding.

Sammons Preston is willing to sponsor more of these seminars in Texas. If TXRPC members in any geographic part of the state want to collaborate on this educational and marketing opportunity, please contact the Membership Education Committee through the new website (www.txrpc.org), Leah Kennedy or Sandy Cormier for more information.

Claims Slowdown in November December

During the last meeting between the Liaison committee and TMHP claims staff, we were assured that all claims and appeals were being processed within the 60 days processing deadline. Several providers reported a slowdown in claims processing by TMHP during the months of November and December; however, the payment totals seem to have rebounded during the early weeks of January. If your claims processing is NOT within the 60 day window, or you have noticed other problems with TMHP, please notify Chris Yule so it can be addressed with TMHP.

The New TXRPC Website www.txrpc.org is up and running!

Information items, brochures, news, newsletters, and member information is available online! A Members' Section featuring forums for daily discussion of various topics among members, posting of questions and committee notes, and regular polling of members on issues of importance is now available. All committee members should IMMEDIATELY sign up for the TXRPC forums and activate daily notification of postings. There is a section already active on Credentialing in which each member can post his goals and concerns!

There are a couple of things to remember about The TXRPC web site. There are two areas on the site. One is for non-members and the other is the members' only area. **The members' only area is available to all staff members of any member organization.** With discussion forums on a broad range of topics from Medicaid Activity, Billing and Coding Issues, and many others the members only section offers not only your RTS staff, but your CSR, Billing, and other staff members a great tool to stay current and exchange ideas with industry peers.

In order to get set up with access to the members' only section you will need to visit the site at TXRPC.org, select the members only area and go through the brief application process of establishing a Groupee™ account which facilitates the discussion forum area of the site. Once you complete this on line application process, your application will be confirmed against the membership list, and access approval will be sent to you by email as follows:

1. If you are listed as the member representative for your organization your access will be approved normally within 24 hours of application.
2. If you are staff member of any member organization, but are not a member representative, our web site administrator will need to confirm your application with the named TXRPC member representative for your organization before access approval will be issued. When a non-member representative staff person applies for access to the member only section the web site administrator will notify the named organization's member representative by email to approve





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the application and confirming employment with the member organization. Within 24 hours of receiving the member representatives approval of the application access approval will be sent to the applicant by email.

If you have any problems with getting logged into the members only section please contact Ron Kieschnik at ron@seatingprofiles.com or by phone at 713-686-9950.

TMHP Bulletin 193

Visit the TMHP website where HPCS coding bulletin No. 193 has been posted. There are a number of deleted codes, new codes, limitations and allowables. Many of these will be discussed with HHSC and TMHP at the first quarterly Liaison committee meeting. Watch the TXRPC Forums in the Members section of www.txrpc.org for postings, questions, and details, as your input is crucial!

Credentialing Committee Working Retreat

Michael Bird, Chair of the Credentialing committee, is arranging a working retreat in February. This will be a workshop to compile a recommendation to the TXRPC Membership for TXRPC's position on HHSC Policy and future legislation. Details of the retreat will be posted as developed, but shaping of TXRPC's position commences now. All members with recommendations for credentialing policy are urged to be posting and sharing ideas on the TXRPC forums.

