





## Taking the Pulse of StAMP

**STATE ADVOCATES FOR MEDICARE POLICY**





### StAMP and Medicare Issues of the Day

- StAMP is focused on all things Medicare!
- This includes:
  - Changes in overall reimbursement (PDP)
  - Annual Medicare Fee Schedules and the impact on reimbursement for speech and hearing CPT codes
  - Keeping up with the various LCD's to promote coverage of our services and promote inclusive ICD-10 coding
  - Review of new, deleted, or changed CPT codes






### What is the role of StAMP for your state?

- While Medicare is a federal program, it impacts each state through the MAC that has jurisdiction of each region.
- MAC = Medicare Administrative Contractor
- The MAC is responsible for carrying out Medicare policies and procedures.
- Each MAC is allowed to "interpret" Medicare guidelines, so your state StAMP must be aware of his/her MAC guidelines to best support the clinicians in your state.






### The MAC regions

### What should you expect from your StAMP?

- Consistent participation in the monthly conference calls.
- Regular communication about changes in regulations and/or reimbursement.
- Availability to answer questions from your members.
- Provision of regular education for your members.
- Advocacy for our seniors needing services.

### Communication....What Works?

- Articles in your state association newsletter about current issues of the day.
- Presentations at your state convention.
- Participation and reporting at your Legislative Council Meetings.
- Communication to and from the StAMP group about issues in your state.



## What are the pros and cons of being a StAMPer?

### Positive Aspects



- Marshalling the resources of ASHA
- Staying current with CMS
- Learning from other state StAMP members
- Advocating for our seniors!!!!



### A Few Negatives

- The time commitment to:
  - Participate in monthly calls
  - Write journal articles
  - Present at conventions
  - Be a resource for members



- We are a **WONDERFUL** group of professionals!
- Our group will be much stronger if we have participation from all of our states.
- Advocacy for our senior population will become even more important as the baby boomers age!

**▪ WE NEED YOU!!!**



## Conclusions

