



## President's Message

### 2011 SCMGMA OFFICERS

Jeff Murrell, President

Samra Baxley, Vice President

Sonja Stamey, Secretary

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### Congratulations

*Congratulations to the many lucky winners of the door prizes that were given out during the months of October, November and December.*

*Door prizes were provided by Health Facilities Credit Union and the Florence Chapter of SCMGMA.*

*It pays to come to these meetings!*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year --  
it is all just around the corner.

I have almost finished my Shopping and Wrapping – but I don't have a single ornament on my tree. I'm not sure what this message is to myself???



And of course, with the New Year is our opportunity to check our billing sheets and update our codes for the New Year, and to help you with that process we scheduled our workshop with two great speakers. I hope that you had the opportunity to attend and felt it was beneficial to you and your practice.

PQRI will be another challenge in 2011, on the good side, I read that the reporting threshold will be reduced from 80% to 50%. So there are some positive changes from CMA for 2011.

I wish to you and your family the very best year. I hope that you are blessed with love and health and the opportunity to give of yourself to others.

*MaryAnn Turner, President*



## Thank You

Our chapter would like to thank all of our speaker and lunch sponsors that we had throughout this past year.

Our Chapter wouldn't survive without these people donating their time and lunches.....

Also we would like to thank our Board Members for their time and hard work. ....they are the reason our chapter is growing and has been such a huge success!

A BIG THANKS goes out to all of them !!!!



# MEMBER'S SPOTLIGHT

## LET'S MEET SHANNON WALKER....

Shannon grew up in Hartsville, SC and now resides in Florence. She began her career in healthcare as a LPN in 1997. She went on to earn her Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from Francis Marion University in 2001. Since then she has enjoyed a variety of opportunities with McLeod Health, Palmetto Prosthetics and Orthotics, and Spinal Support Solutions. Those opportunities have allowed her to gain experience in various areas of

healthcare, including clinical nursing, corporate compliance, DME, education and administration.

Most recently she has accepted the position of Practice Manger with McLeod Cardiothoracic Surgical Associates. Shannon is excited about the challenges that this new opportunity will provide. Outside of work, Shannon spends her time with her husband of 16 years, Jim, and their five children.



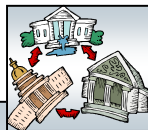
*Thank you to all of you  
who joined us for our  
Annual Holiday Reception  
On December 8th, 2010  
We had a great time!*



## CODING CORNER By Tara Barrineau, CPC, CUC

*Q: If a patient comes in for an E/M visit and the patient has an EKG done. What modifier if any would you use on the E/M?*

*A: For this encounter you would bill for the E/M service and an append the -25 modifier and then bill for the EKG in order to receive correct reimbursement from your payor. If this modifier was not added, it is likely that you would only get paid for either the E/M service or the EKG but not both.*



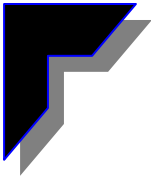
### YOUR LEGISLATIVE REPORT BY SHARON POSTON

We received the 12 month reprieve, as you are aware, for the Medicare cuts. We need to contact our Congressmen and push to have them address this issue in December.

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS



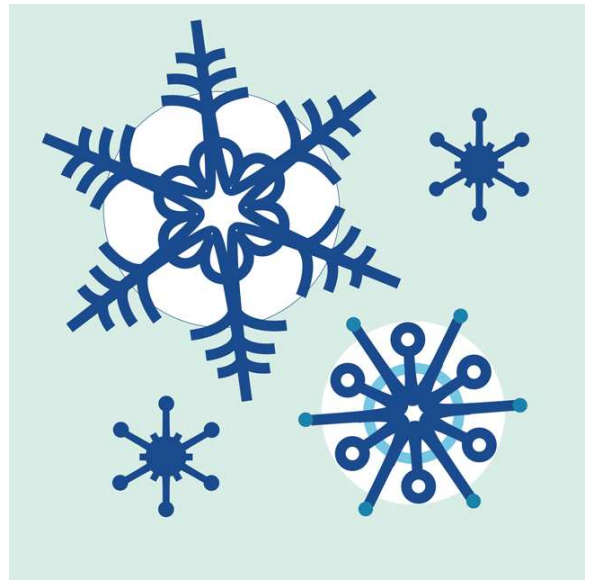
**January 12th** —Will McLeod and Larry Adams from McLeod—Lean Process “Work smarter , not harder”



### *Mark Your Calendars*

- ◆ January 12th—Monthly Meeting
- ◆ February 16th—Enrichment Series with Deidre Bibbs from Palmetto GBA

*\*See our Website for detailed information.\**



### **MANAGEMENT TIP OF THE MONTH**

*“Gift Giving in the Office”  
by Ellen Hearne, Program Chairman*



During this holiday season, as you, the Manager, think about gifts for your employees, maybe the following tips will provide some guidance.

1. Stay away from personal items. Steer clear of items such as perfume or candles, especially if you are a male & the recipient is a female.
2. Be sensitive to the recipient. Don't give wine or alcohol to someone to someone who doesn't drink. You could actually offend the recipient.
3. If you opt to get each employee something different, pay attention to any variance. Employees will compare so be careful to remain equitable among all the gift choices.
4. Food items are always a good choice, especially the homemade items. Know the recipient & stay away from any food allergies such as nuts.
5. Remember local charities & consider making a donation in honor of your employees.
6. For interdepartmental giving, larger items such as buckets of popcorn or boxes of holiday cookies are a nice way to say thank you.

Remember to enclose a holiday card with a handwritten, personal message. It's the thought that counts.

Happy Holidays!



### **WELCOME 2011 BOARD MEMBERS**

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