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Sent: July 31, 2002 2:28 PM
Subject: RE: Your Advice on PDU Claims as Discussed

Dear Walter,

I'm glad to see you made it home safely from the Research Conference. I did follow up on the PDU question and I believe have made good progress.

I have clarified with Certification (since the last e-mail came to you from Adam Potts who is in Certification so wanted to close the loop) that an individual who is a presenter and who also attends a conference on the same day can indeed claim for both activities - one claim under Category 2 and one under Category 4. Obviously, these claims need to be for different portions of the program at the event and not double billing for the same time.

I would like you to contact Adam by phone to discuss the details so as to ensure that your PDU entitlement is straightened out immediately. He can be contacted on 610.356.4600 x1132 and is expecting your call.

I look forward to improving this bump in the road not only for you but for other PMPs who find themselves in this position. Many thanks for bringing this matter to my attention and I look forward to our next chance to meet.

Kind regards,
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-----Original Message-----

From: Walter Wawruck [<mailto:wawruck@intouch.bc.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2002 2:44 PM
To: Laurie Cooke
Subject: Your Advice on PDU Claims as Discussed

Hello Ms Cooke,

At the PMI Accreditation Workshop on July 14 you kindly offered to check on a matter related to PDU claims and to make a suggestion on an appropriate next step.

We have received communication on the matter from Adam Potts, and you suggested that perhaps this was a query that should have gone to Dr. Zerby. I would appreciate your advice on how to proceed next.

The issue is an apparent, unpublished rule that would prohibit a PMP from claiming PDUs for serving both as a presenter (Category 2) and as an attendee at an educational workshop/seminar on the same day (Category 4). The situation is that claims have not been accepted from PMPs who have made presentations during one segment of the program at an educational event, and have attended other segments, in other separate time slots and dealing with separate topics, on the same day. This apparent rule is being applied by the clerks at the College of Continuing Education in Norman OK.

We directed our enquiry to Mr. Potts because he is identified as the person to contact in the May 7, 2002 Suspension Warning letter. We had previously directed our PDU eligibility enquiries to Dr. Zerby, and we were very pleased with the clarity and consistency of his interpretations.

Mr. Potts, in reply to our request for clarification, appeared to uphold the unwritten rule, suggesting that a person could make a claim under Category 4 for attendance only on a different day from the day on which the person made a Category 2 claim as a presenter. We think this is contrary to the plain language of the published rules governing PDU claims, and grossly unfair to PMPs who engage in genuine and legitimate professional development activities.

A copy of the response from Mr. Potts is attached for your information.

What do you suggest as a next step? Would it be appropriate to re-initiate the enquiry with Dr. Zerby, perhaps by telephone?

I am nervous about asking for written clarification of an unwritten rule if the consequence may be a defensive rigidity on the part of the Certification staff that may rule out any further dialogue and reasonable re-considerations of rejected claims.

Thank you for assistance and advice.

Regards,

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