

Message from the President: MPPR, DOTPA, & New Work Group

Dear Colleagues:

As you know NARA continues to advocate, network, and mobilize our efforts in a somewhat "nimble" and responsive in a unique way, focused towards the support of "the business of rehab".

I want to thank George Olsen, our Board of Directors, our MPPR Work Group, and all of YOU for your interest and participation, particularly over the past month. It truly is representative of NARA's "strength in unity".

Almost over a year ago, NARA was once again a stakeholder and participant in the CMS "STAT" project that engaged key industry stakeholders to participate in working with CMS to explore alternatives to current methods and models in the areas of policy, informatics, and clinical practice. Our thanks to George Olsen, Mary Wagner, and Stephen Hunter for their leadership in this critical NARA initiative.

Similarly, George Olsen and I have recently received communications from CMS related to their Developing Outpatient Therapy Payment Alternatives (DOTPA) initiative. [Click here](#) for further information on the DOTPA project as we encourage you to participate however possible.

Likewise, the Board of Directors and MPPR Work Group are finalizing some general commentary that George Olsen will be reviewing for final authoring and submission of NARA's comments to CMS in the immediate future. Additionally, in the spirit of NARA's unique networking dynamic, we will be forming a Work Group facilitated by Mary Wagner focused on how businesses are going to focus on implementing the new MDS / RUG guidelines.

Thank you for your participation and support.

It is a pleasure to serve all of you.



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