

Dear MOASC Members,

ASCO's Clinical Practice Committee will have a telephone conference regarding CMS's NCD on ESA's on Monday, August 20 from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM Eastern to provide an update on ASCO communications with CMS, discuss ongoing concerns, and provide any further clarifications on the provisions laid out in the NCD.

ASCO has now generated two letters to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to express concern over the recent national coverage decision (NCD) on ESAs. ASCO has also created a frequently asked questions document in an effort to help members understand the provisions of the NCD (attached).

ASCO would like to invite you to articulate your concerns and any outstanding questions you have related to the requirements of the NCD. ASCO will maintain an open communication with CMS staff on these issues and continue to pursue clarification on the policy.

Attached you will find a RSVP form for the full Clinical Practice Committee call. Please send the form back along with any concerns or questions you may have on the NCD. If you have questions regarding this e-mail, you can contact Tameka Davis at 703-299-1050. Thank you in advance for your participation.