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The USSAAC Webinar Series presents

New Medicare SGD Funding Policy and Guidelines for 2016: What's Covered; What's Not; Where Do We Go From Here?

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In the second half of 2015, Medicare "re-set" its SGD coverage policy and issued three new guidelines. In addition, changes to the Medicare Act based on the Steve Gleason Act became effective. This webinar will review all that has been done and explain the current scope of Medicare SGD coverage.

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Participants will:

- will be able to tell about the outcome of the Medicare SGD coverage “reconsideration,” whether the changes to SGD coverage stated in the 2014 “Coverage Reminder” have been incorporated into current Medicare SGD policy; and how the Gleason Act affects Medicare SGD coverage.
- will be able to describe the 3 Medicare guidelines that now govern SGD coverage.
- will be able to explain what types of SGDs Medicare will cover and those Medicare will not cover.
- will be able to identify what SGD capabilities and features Medicare will cover and those Medicare will not cover.
- will be able to identify what SGD accessories Medicare will cover and those Medicare will not cover.
- will be able identify the procedure Medicare identified in its guidelines for Medicare beneficiaries to access non-covered capabilities and features.
- will be able to identify the changes to Medicare payment policy.

Time Ordered Agenda

5 minutes:	Introduction of Speaker, USSAAC and topic
40 minutes:	Review of current Medicare SGD coverage policy and guidance
10 minutes:	Participant Q&A
5 minutes:	Closing Remarks

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