



Physicians: A Coding, Auditing and Compliance Program

Earn up to 20 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ !

This Performance Improvement (PI CME) activity has been developed to assist physicians with identification of performance gaps relating to coding of patient records and seeks to provide methods for improvement of patient care through an accurately coded medical record.

Participants should recognize a thoroughly coded medical record is an important communication tool used by providers to deliver optimal patient care.

A total of 20 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ awarded if all stages of PI CME are completed. If a participant only completes a portion of the stages, credits will be awarded based on the extent of their participation in the activity. Provided are the stages of this activity and estimate of time to help you plan your participation:

Session 1 - Wednesday, October 27, 2010 4:30pm - 8:00 pm (light dinner provided)

Introduction to Evaluation and Management Coding, Review of 1995 and 1997 Documentation Guidelines for Evaluation and Management Services, Documentation Definitions, Types of Evaluation and Management Codes and rules for use, Overview of Chart Auditing, Auditing: Case Studies to be audited as a group

Homework Action Period (2 hours)

Submit data by November 15, 2010

Participants perform chart audits comparing previous and current practice to established guidelines. Participants respond to questions on a report detailing perception of change from before and after Session 1. (All information collected from chart reviews is anonymous and therefore HIPAA compliant.)

Session 2 - Wednesday, November 17, 2010 4:30pm - 6:00 pm

Fraud and Abuse Compliance in the Medical Practice, Benefits of a Compliance Program, Compliance Plan Elements, Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Model Compliance Plans for Physician Practices, Review and discuss chart audit data summary and Evaluation

Follow Up Action and Survey (2 hours)

Submit by January 21, 2011

Participants answer self-assessment questions regarding improvements made to professional practice, implementation of suggested methods for improvement, and changes on performance gaps identified in the initial assessment phase. Participants submit completed chart audit reviews.

**Program Fee: \$375.00 for PSO members
\$475.00 for non-PSO**

Objectives: At the conclusion of this PI activity, participants should be able to:

Describe the rules and regulations of medical coding; Review, explain and apply CMS and CPT guidelines to improve physician coding; Discuss the selection of accurate levels of Evaluation and Management services; Identify methods to code correctly to improve compliance; Identify methods to reduce coding errors and the risk of audit failure; Recognize the importance and implementation of a Fraud & Abuse Compliance Plan; Identify how to improve patient care through a thoroughly coded medical record which is a communication tool used by other providers; and Describe the connection between Performance Improvement in Coding and Medical Error Reduction.

This program may assist board specialists in their Maintenance of Certification (MOC). Contact your board for full details on MOC criteria.

Instructor: Therese Burke, CPC-I, CPC-H, CEMC, PCA Ms. Burke has over 35 years of experience in healthcare and is a certified coding instructor.

Location: 1st Floor Conference Room, 55 Claverick Street, Providence

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Rhode Island Medical Society through a joint sponsorship of Rhode Island Hospital and Lifespan Physicians PSO.

Rhode Island Hospital is accredited by the Rhode Island Medical Society to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Rhode Island Hospital designates this educational activity for a maximum of 20.0 AMA PRA Category 1 credits™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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