

Medical Coding, The First Steps



Over the course of this six week coding class, students will be given an introduction and review of CPT-4 and ICD-9 coding systems used by physicians in the outpatient setting.

Upon completion of the course, students will have earned 20 AAPC Continuing Education Units (CEU's).

TOPICS COVERED:

THIRD PARTY PAYOR REVIEW

Review of each of the following payors: Medicare, Medicaid, BCBS, UHC, Aetna, Cigna, Tufts, Harvard-Pilgrim; including coverage, billing and reimbursement methodologies

CPT-4 CODING BASICS

Review of each section of the CPT-4 book, terminology, guidelines, and code location
Students will be given coding exercises in order to get hands-on experience

ICD-9 CODING BASICS

Review of the structure of ICD-9 coding system including: definitions, conventions, guidelines for general medical diagnoses, E & V Codes, diabetes and burn coding. Using examples, students will learn how to locate and chose correct ICD-9 code.

PHYSICIAN QUALITY REPORTING INITIATIVE

Introduction to this initiative and how office staff can assist physicians in reporting codes

Instructor: Denise Andrade, MBA, is an instructor at Fisher College and Gibbs College, the Administrator for an academic, non-profit medical group and has over 20 years of experience in Medical Coding.

Cost: \$1400.00 PSO members and Lifespan employees
\$1700.00 non-PSO/Lifespan employees

To register for this course, contact Cathy St. Laurent at 444-2095 or via email at cstlaurent1@lifespan.org

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