

# Improving Quality & Increasing Revenue

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- >> 15 years experience
- >> Certified medical coder
- >> PCMH implementation
- >> Education and training
- >> Data capture
- >> Practice transformation



# Objectives

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- >> Define HEDIS and how it can be used to optimize quality
- >> Comprehend the financial aspect of population management
- >> Describe resources available to enhance accurate coding and documentation
- >> Learn to perform point of care gap closure
- >> Understand the data capture process and its impact to your practice



# **HEDIS is Key to Improving Quality Scores & Maximizing Revenue**

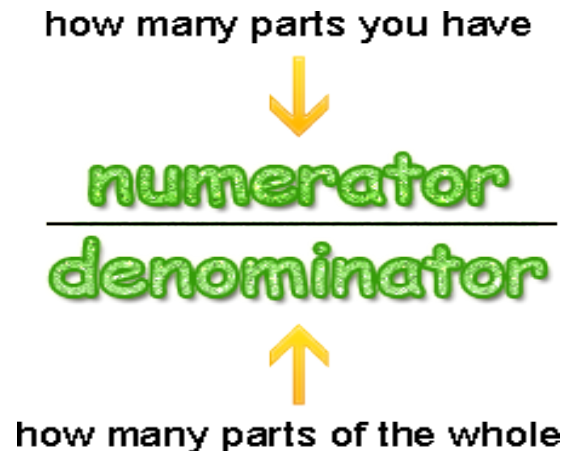
# HEDIS

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- >> **Healthcare**
- >> **Effectiveness**
- >> **Data and**
- >> **Information**
- >> **Set**

## **HEDIS Construct**

- Numerator
- Denominator
- Exclusion criteria



# Where Does HEDIS® Data Come From?

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## Standard Supplemental Data

Data received directly from:

- Claims
- EMR
  - EMR interface
  - Registry (only if data is fed from an EMR)
- Labs
- State or county immunization registries

## Nonstandard Supplemental Data

Data collected from an intermediate source:

- Provider portal
- Verbal notification
- Registry (unless data is fed from an EMR)
- Provider abstraction forms
- Member self-reported data





# Coding and Documentation

# Maintain Accuracy

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Each individual encounter must be able to stand on it's own



Code to the highest level of specificity



Review coding guidelines on a regular basis to ensure guidelines are being followed



# Code All Diagnoses That Have MEAT

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**Monitor**  
signs,  
symptoms,  
progression /  
regression



**Evaluate**  
test results,  
and response  
to treatment



**Address**  
order tests,  
referrals, and  
review records



**Treat**  
scripts and  
therapies

# Best Practices in Diagnosis Coding

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**A. Coding Updates and Tools**

**B. Proper Documentation for Accurate Data Capture**

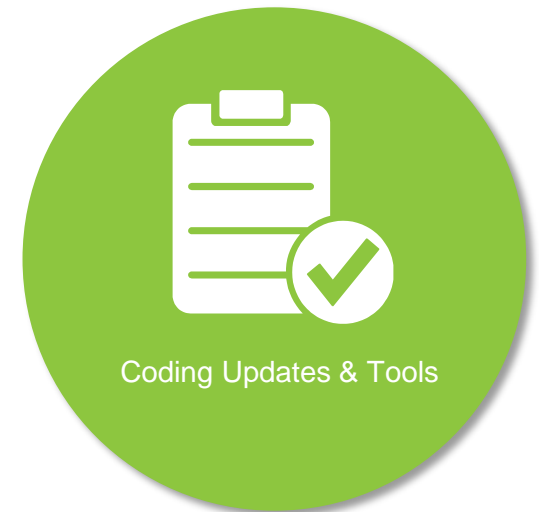
**C. Training and Education**



# A. Coding Updates & Tools

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- >> ICD – 10
- >> System Updates
- >> Data Search Programs



## B. Proper Documentation for Accurate Data Capture

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Always Code to the  
Highest Specificity



Audit Routinely



Diagnosis Closure

# C. Training & Education

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## >> Code Changes

- Added
- Deleted
- Revised

## >> Electronic Health Record

## >> Resources - <http://www.icd10data.com/>





# Population Health Management

# What is Population Health Management?

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- >> Aggregation of patient data across multiple health IT systems
- >> Analysis of that data into a single, actionable patient record
- >> Actions through which care providers can improve both clinical and financial outcomes



# Goals of Population Health Management

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- >> Improve health of an entire population
- >> Improve quality of care and decrease costs by closely attending to patients and coordinating their care
- >> Population health can be effectively managed with a patient registry





# Clinical Aspect of Population Health

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- >> **Coordinate Care** for High-Risk Patients
- >> **Manage Transitions of Care**
- >> **Close Patient Gaps in Care**
- >> **Implement Team-Based Approach to Patient Care**
- >> **Implement Patient-Centered Capabilities**
- >> **Address Patient Socio-Economic Barriers**
- >> **Address Variability in Care Delivery**



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# Point-of-Care Gaps Closure

# Leverage EHR as a Point-of-Care Tool

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- >> EHR's are typically built to have patient alerts based on evidence-based care guidelines such as HEDIS and USPSTF
- >> Alerts tell what care items are currently outstanding-preventive and condition specific
- >> Be cautious – Must be built in or activated or they won't assist you



# I Don't Have an EHR...Now What?

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- >> Evidence-based care checklists can be added to the paper record
- >> Health plan alert sheets
- >> Other resources:
  - Iowa Diabetes Care Flowsheet
  - AAFP



# Iowa Diabetes Care Flowsheet

				Dates		Results	
History	Physical	Frequency	Goal				
Blood Pressure		Every Visit	< 130/80				
Weight		Every Visit	Individualized				
BMI		Every Visit	Individualized				
Dilated retinal exam		Annually	Retinopathy prevention				
Monofilament and peripheral pulses foot exam		Annually or every visit for high-risk patients	Lower extremity amputation prevention				
Laboratory Analysis		Frequency	Goal				
A1C		Every 3-6 months	< 7.0%				
Fasting lipid profile		Annually					
LDL			< 100 mg/dL				
Triglycerides			< 150 mg/dL				
HDL			> 40 mg/dL in men > 50 mg/dL in women				
Total			< 200 mg/dL				
Urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio (spot sample)		Annually, to screen for microalbuminuria	< 300 ug/mg				
ECG		Baseline & as clinically indicated					
Vaccinations		Frequency					
Influenza		Annually					
Pneumococcal		Once. Revaccinate patients > 65 who received the vaccine 5 years previously & were < 65 years old					
Tetanus		Every 5 years <input type="checkbox"/>					
Zostavax (shingles vaccine)		Once. Patients ≥ 60					
Counseling		Risk Reductions					
Smoking status:	Never	Former	Current Quit Date:				
Aspirin therapy (75 – 325 mg/day)							
ACE Inhibition/ARB: Treatment for hypertension or microalbuminuria							
Dental care (refer for annual dental care)							
Sexual functioning							
Depression screening- PHQ 9 (Patient Health Questionnaire). Ask the first 2 questions as the screening; if results are positive, then give the full questionnaire							
Preconception counseling and pregnancy care							
Self-Management	Goals	Patient Goals (set jointly by provider and patient)					
Physical activity	30 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity at least 5 days a week						
Nutrition	Advise a diet of low saturated and trans fat and high fiber						
Weight management	For overweight patients (BMI > 25 kg/m <sup>2</sup> ), advise a 10% weight reduction at a rate of 1-2 lbs/week						
Self blood glucose monitoring	Teach technique, frequency and actions to take if blood sugar is too high or too low						
Self foot exam	Teach technique and evaluate how the patient performs						



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# Closing the Gap

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## >> Measure the Gaps

- Run a regular report that shows what quality measures are missing
- Look at your patient panel
- Identify services or gaps in services
- Reach out to patient to notify them of gap and need for services (letter, patient portal, phone call, etc.)
- Continuous process
  - Set a schedule or calendar for how you will “work” your gaps





# Transition Care Management

# Transition Care Management (TCM)

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- >> 30 Day period from discharge date and continues for the next 29 days
- >> 99495 – TCM, **moderate complexity**, visit within **14** calendar days of discharge
- >> 99496 – TCM, **high complexity**, visit within 7 calendar days of discharge
- >> Payable to all MD/DO, qualified non-physician practitioner (mid-levels)
- >> Treat as office visit, with cost share applied



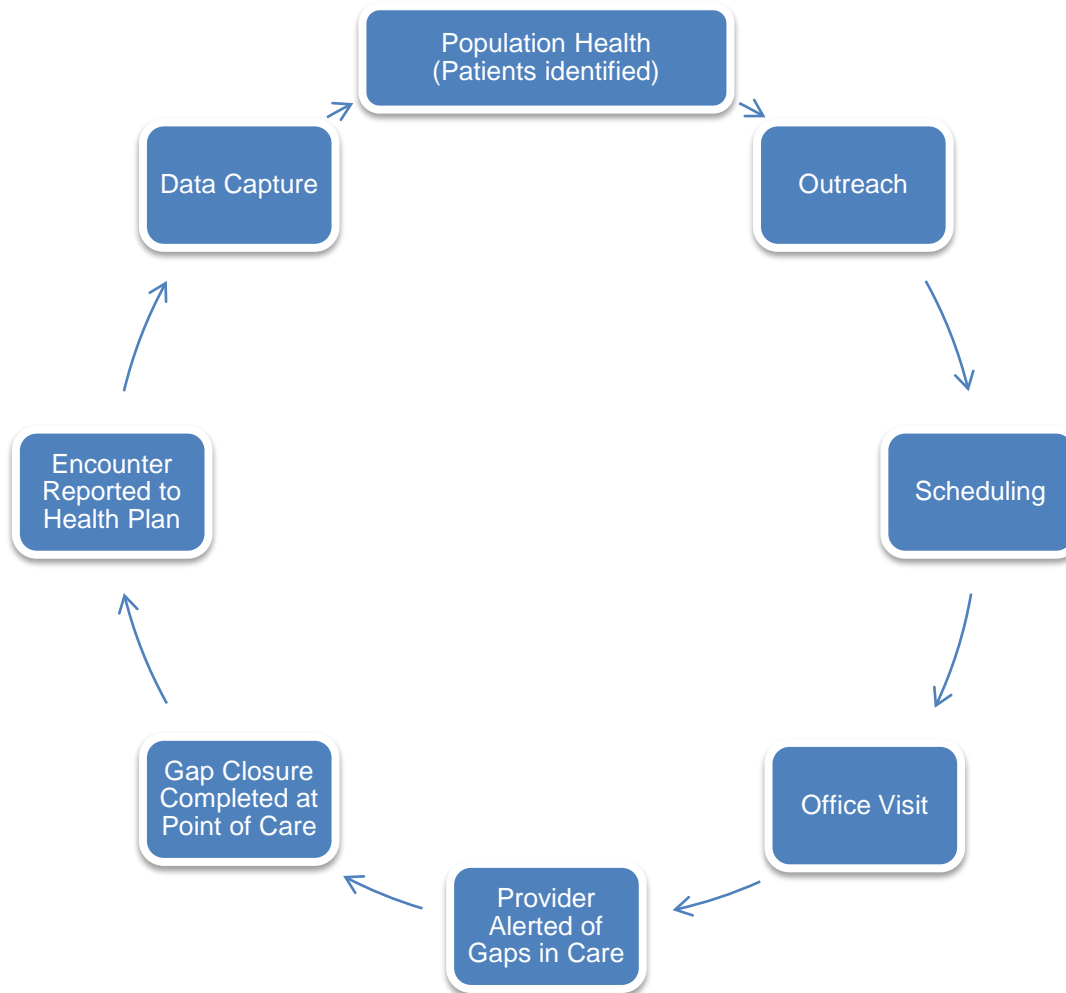


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# Data Capture Process

# Data Capture

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# Where Do You Begin?

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- >> Assess tools available such as EHR or registry...
- >> Start with one condition or measure
- >> Identify evidence-based guidelines & educate team
- >> Identify your patient population
  - Relevant chronic conditions, payer mix, age, gender
- >> Conduct outreach
- >> Point of care (before or during visit)
  - EHR/registry alerts
  - Planned visit approach
  - Standing orders
- >> Accurate coding/billing



# Summary

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- >> Understand HEDIS and how to optimize quality within your practice
- >> Accurately code and document to support what you are reporting
  - Always code to the highest specificity
- >> Use point of care gap closure
- >> Capture all data and be sure to report everything from the encounter to the health plan
- >> Continual education
  - Quality measures
  - Billing and coding
  - Documentation
  - Data capture



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