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RHC Leaders:

COMING IN APRIL: 2 Day Live Virtual Bootcamp
Clinical Documentation, Coding, and Billing for RHCs and FQHCs

This 2 day LIVE VIRTUAL Bootcamp focuses on clinical documentation, coding, & billing for Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) & Community Health Centers (FQHCs). This virtual event allows attendees who choose to use their webcam to have smooth and natural live Q&A sessions with the instructor!

Day 1: April 5th: 9:00am to 4:30pm
Day 2: April 6th: 9:00am to 1:00pm
REGISTER NOW

Note: The cost is $125 per person. The discounted price is made possible by collaboration with the South Carolina Office of Rural Health. Capacity is limited to the first 50 people.

Why attend?

With the recent requirement by CMS to require RHCs/FQHCs to list all CPT and HCPCS-II codes – it has never been more important to make sure you are documenting and coding for 100% of what is done. Commercial payers probably don’t pay under the Medicare PPS system, so you have to bill them differently. If you aren’t documenting and coding correctly you may not be capturing everything that is done and some revenue may be left on the table! Your cost report is very tied to your professional coding practices – don’t undervalue and underreport what you do.

Are you too dependent on IT instead of relying on well-trained and qualified staff? We will focus on the guidelines that appear before and after key coding sections that rarely are accessible to providers and coders/billers in their EHRs and encoder software.

We will limit the review of codes that will rarely or never be performed in your facility setting – and will focus on primary care visits, behavioral health, and We will be careful to get hands-on with over a dozen vital resources (including the CMS Benefits and Claims manuals) that outline the unique approach rural and community health needs to be aware of to stay compliant!

Recently, RHCs had to start listing all CPT and HCPCS-II codes performed on claims to Medicare for the first time in decades. Many RHCs are still learning to balance their AIR (“per diem”) Medicare system of getting paid with the huge billing variations when billing commercial carriers or Medicaid.

Required Class Materials
CPT manual (AMA’s Professional Edition strongly recommended)
Any publisher’s HCPCS-II manual
Any publisher’s ICD-10-CM manual
Class Slides - will be provided at class at no additional charge

Earning the optional Rural Health Coding and Billing Specialist (RH-CBS) or Community Health Coding and Billing Specialist (CH-CBS) Certification

CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION

Best,
Jill

RHC News & Updates:

Here are some of the topics impacting the RHC community in Michigan this month. Click on these links to read more:

- BREAKING: COVID 19 Positive Michiganders Should Inquire About Oral Treatments
- Pfizer Updates COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendations
- CDC Expands Booster Dose and Eligibility for Children - Recommendations
- Gov. Whitmer Announces Free KN95 Mask Distribution
- UPCOMING: Register for the Upcoming CHAMPS Webinar Series - February 15-17, 2022
COVID-19 Vaccine Updates:
A reminder that COVID-19 is still having an impact on our rural neighbors and those providing care and solutions. Please click on the links below for important information regarding the latest on vaccines, boosters, testing, and other recommendations:

- Shareable Resources About COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters
- COVID-19 Boosters Now Available for Kids Ages 12-15
- Understanding the Federal COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates: Practical Considerations for Covered Employers
- Neighborhood Testing Sites Now Offering Vaccinations to Children Ages 5-11
- MDHHS Publishes New Antibody Treatment Prioritization Guidelines
- Important Clinical Information on COVID-19 Therapies Including Oral Antivirals Currently Available
- Interim Guidance for Managing Healthcare Personnel with SARS-CoV-2 Infection or Exposure to SARS-CoV-2
- State of Michigan Sets COVID-19 Booster Goal, Outlines Actions to Protect Yourself and Family from Omicron Variant
- CDC Endorses ACIP’s Updated COVID-19 Vaccine Recommendations

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