

APC Institute: Clinical Documentation Strategies

OBJECTIVE: To provide a basic overview of the ambulatory payment classification (APC) system and a detailed presentation of the documentation requirements for successful management of APCs in diverse outpatient settings.

AUDIENCE: Nursing, Utilization Management, Case Management, and other Health Care Professionals responsible for health records documentation

DURATION: 6 hours

CURRICULUM:

I. General Overview of APCs

- A. Regulatory Overview
- B. APC Services: Inclusions/Exclusions
- C. Structure of APC Groups

II. APC Data Reporting Requirements

- A. Significant Procedures
- B. Medical Visits and Diagnostic Services
- C. Modifiers
- D. Units of Service

III. Clinical Documentation Requirements

- A. Emergency Room
- B. Critical Care Services
- C. Screening Services
- D. Observation Beds/Unit
- E. Hospital-Based Outpatient Departments/Clinics
- F. Pain Management Clinic
- G. Partial Hospitalization Program
- H. Cast Room
- I. Outpatient Referral for Ancillary Testing
- J. Outpatient/Ambulatory Surgery
- K. Outpatient Utilization Management Initiatives**