

# **APC Institute: Impact on Emergency Services**

**OBJECTIVE:** This program will provide an explanation of the ambulatory payment classification (APC) system - Medicare's new outpatient prospective payment system for hospital outpatient services. Special emphasis will be placed on the emergency department-specific coding, billing, grouping, and payment issues.

**AUDIENCE:** Chargemaster Coordinators, Database Managers, Software Vendor Product Managers, Billing Supervisors, Billing Specialists, Compliance Auditors/Analysts, Coding Managers, Reimbursement Specialists, Directors of: Compliance, Decision Support, Patient Accounts/Business Office, Information Systems, Health Information Management, Ancillary Departments, Hospital-Based Clinics, and Utilization Management; and ALL hospital staff responsible for outpatient coding including registration, emergency room, ancillary department and hospital-based clinic staff.

**DURATION: 4 hours**

## **CURRICULUM:**

- I. APC Grouping Logic**
- II. Mapping Logic for ED Medical Visits**
- III. APCs for Emergency Department Services**
- IV. APC Policies**
- V. Documentation Guidelines**
  - A. Evaluation and Management Services
  - B. Critical Care Services
  - C. Observation Services
  - D. Wound Debridement
  - E. Excision of Lesions
  - F. Wound Repair
  - G. Injection Procedures
  - H. Application of Casts/Strappings
  - I. Simple vs. Complex