

Ambulatory Reimbursement and APCs

OBJECTIVE: This course will address the basic foundation and principles of the Medicare ambulatory payment classification (APC) system. The contents include the APC: regulations, included/excluded services, grouping logic, cost containment initiatives, payment calculations, coding and modifier reporting requirements, and claims processing edits.

AUDIENCE: Coding Specialists, Coding Managers, Reimbursement Specialists, Compliance Auditors and Analysts, Hospital-Based Clinic Managers, and ALL hospital staff responsible for outpatient coding including emergency room, ancillary department and hospital-based clinic staff.

DURATION: 6 hours

CURRICULUM:

Module 1: Introduction

Module 2: Medicare Outpatient PPS Research & Development

Module 3: Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) System

Module 4: APC Data Reporting Requirements

Module 5: Medicare Hospital Outpatient Edits

Module 6.: Common Working File Edits