

Medical Coding: HCPCS Level II and CPT

Course Syllabus

Course Description

Medical Coding: HCPCS Level II and CPT gives students and healthcare professionals in-depth instruction on key terms, code sets, conventions, and guidelines, as well updates on current codes, for HCPCS Level II and CPT.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this online course, students will be able to:

1. Apply outpatient and physician office coding guidelines when assigning procedure and service codes.
2. Identify the purpose and composition of CPT and HCPCS and incorporate vocabulary and data used in health information systems.
3. Describe the development and indexing methodology for CPT and HCPCS.
4. Interpret coding guidelines and notes for CPT and HCPCS.
5. Interpret health care data to code and sequence procedure/service statements, case studies, and patient records.
6. Assign CPT and HCPCS level II codes.

Course Outline and Objectives

Part I: Overview of Coding (Optional)

Chapter 1: Overview of Coding

1. Define key terms.
2. Explain coding career opportunities and the coding credentialing process.
3. Identify professional associations and describe the benefits of membership.
4. Clarify student responsibilities during a coding internship.
5. Identify coding systems used for reimbursement, and indicate the relationship between patient record documentation and accurate coding.

Part III: Health Care Procedure Coding System (HCPCS), Level II National Coding System

Chapter 7: HCPCS Level II National Coding System

1. Define key terms.
2. List the HCPCS levels and their components.
3. Assign HCPCS level II procedure and services codes for outpatient care.
4. Identify situations in which both HCPCS levels I and II codes are assigned.
5. Assign claims to primary Medicare administrative contractors (MACs) or durable medical equipment MACs according to HCPCS level II code number.

Part IV: Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Coding System

Chapter 8: Introduction to CPT Coding

1. Define key terms.
2. Explain the organization, format, and content of CPT.
3. Interpret CPT section guidelines, coding notes, and modifiers.
4. Assign CPT procedure and service codes for outpatient care.
5. Add CPT and/or HCPCS level II modifiers to codes, as appropriate.

Chapter 9: Evaluation and Management

1. Explain and interpret CPT Evaluation and Management section guidelines, coding notes, and modifiers.
2. Select and assign codes for CPT Evaluation and Management levels of service for documented patient care.

Chapter 10: Anesthesia

1. Understand CPT Anesthesia section guidelines and assign appropriate service codes.
2. Calculate anesthesia fees.

Chapter 11: Surgery I

1. Interpret CPT Surgery section guidelines and coding notes for the General and Integumentary System subsections.
2. Assign CPT Surgery codes from the General and Integumentary System subsections and add modifiers, as appropriate.

Chapter 12: Surgery II

1. Explain content, interpret surgery coding notes, and assign codes for the Musculoskeletal System and Respiratory System subsections.

Chapter 13: Surgery III

1. Understand content, interpret coding notes, and assign surgery codes for the Cardiovascular System and Hemic and Lymphatic Systems subsections.

Chapter 14: Surgery IV

1. Interpret surgery coding notes and assign surgery codes for the Mediastinum and Diaphragm, Digestive System, and the Urinary System subsections.

Chapter 15: Surgery V

1. Understand content and coding notes and assign codes for the Male Genital System, Reproductive System Procedures, Intersex Surgery, Female Genital System, Maternity Care and Delivery, Endocrine System, Nervous System, Eye and Ocular Adnexa, Auditory System, and Operating Microscope subsections.

Chapter 16: Radiology

1. Explain the organization, format, and content of the CPT Radiology section.
2. Interpret CPT radiology coding guidelines and notes and assign codes.

Chapter 17: Pathology and Laboratory

1. Interpret pathology and laboratory coding guidelines and notes.
2. Assign CPT pathology and laboratory codes.

Chapter 18: Medicine

1. Explain the organization, format, and content of the CPT Medicine section.
2. Interpret CPT Medicine coding guidelines and notes and assign Medicine codes.

Part V: Insurance and Reimbursement Overview (Optional)

Chapter 19: Insurance and Reimbursement

1. Define key terms.
2. Identify and provide examples of third-party payers.
3. List and define each health care reimbursement system.
4. Describe the impact of HIPAA on health care reimbursement.
5. Explain the components of health reform, as delineated in the Affordable Care Act.

Completion and Accreditation

Students who pass the chapter tests with an overall average of 70% or higher will receive a certificate of completion and 7.0 Continuing Education Units (CEUs). One CEU is equivalent to 10 hours of class time.

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