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## **Compliance Program Helps Physicians Identify and Correct Coding Problems**

The key component of Medical Practice Compliance Programs deals with auditing and monitoring, specifically dealing with the review of coding practices and periodic audits of medical records, to ensure coding accuracy and compliance with billing and documentation guidelines. In fact, the 2014 OIG Work Plan specifically targets Evaluation and Management Coding!

Our Coding Compliance Program involves the following steps:

1. **Analysis of Levels of Service Utilization:** This service helps ensure physician's compliance to CMS Audit Standards and determine areas of potential undercoding or overcoding.
2. **Performance of Documentation Chart Audits:** Each physician's charts will be audited in order to ensure appropriate documentation and medical necessity vis-à-vis procedural coding.
3. **Conduct Educational Sessions:** An auditor will conduct individual education sessions with physicians to review the outcome of the Assessment and establish a framework within which the physician or group can come into compliance with requirements.
4. **Unlimited access to PPP Reimbursement Specialists:** Any questions can be answered by a specialist who is available via telephone, facsimile or e-mail consultation on our 800 Coding Hotline: 1.800.764.2633.

The deliverables which you may expect as a part of the Coding Compliance Program are as follows:

1. **Initial Comprehensive Report regarding Levels of Service Utilization Analysis by individual physician.**
2. **Comprehensive Report of findings from the Chart Auditing Process.**
3. **Educational information presented to each physician to improve coding proficiency and serve as documentation for your compliance program.**
4. **Quarterly progress reports of Levels of Service Utilization Analysis by individual physician.**

While we have performed thousands of coding reviews, we find that the vast majority of physicians tend to undercode, thereby leading to potential increased reimbursement. However, for those physicians who tend to overcode, the Coding Compliance Program serves as evidence that the practice is making every effort to improve their coding proficiency in the event of a Government audit.

For further information regarding our

### **Coding Compliance Program,**

please contact John W. McDaniel at 1.800.764.2633 ext. 1

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