

# Inpatient Auditing

## INDUSTRY FACTS



### What do inpatient auditors do?

Inpatient auditors play a crucial role in ensuring that healthcare organizations receive appropriate reimbursement and remain compliant with regulatory requirements. Moving to a career in auditing is a natural transition for HIM professionals with several years of inpatient acute care coding experience. Duties include:

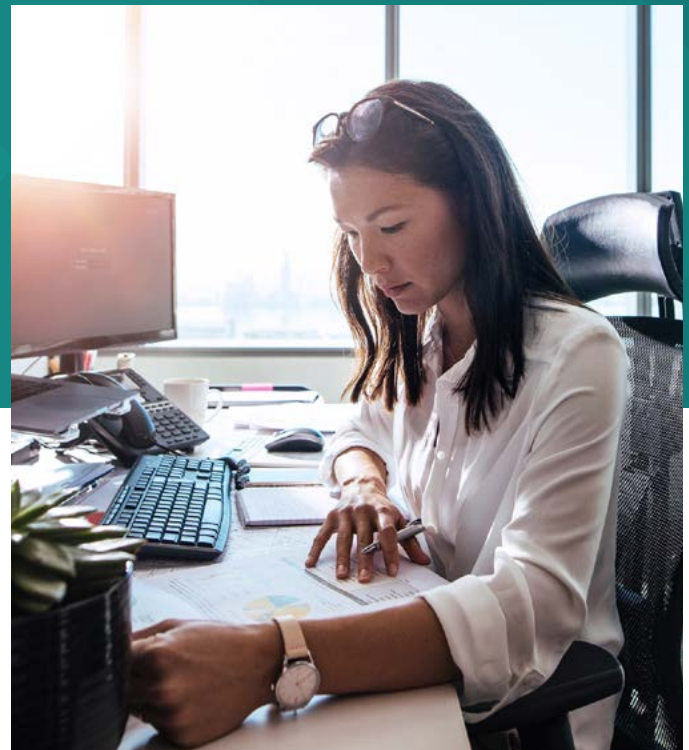
- Verifying the accuracy of coding and DRG assignments
- Helping a healthcare facility achieve regulatory compliance
- Identifying documentation deficiencies
- Identifying areas for staff education and corrective education

### Where do inpatient auditors work?

Inpatient auditors are prepared to work in a variety of healthcare facilities such as hospitals, long term acute care, inpatient rehabilitation, inpatient psychiatric, and nursing care facilities. Remote auditing opportunities are available in some situations.

### How much do inpatient auditors earn?

Salaries for inpatient auditors are generally higher than those of inpatient medical coders. Recent job



postings by companies such as LexiCode and Kaiser Permanente have listed salaries for inpatient auditors ranging from \$67,000 plus a \$15,000 signing bonus to \$96,000 a year.\* Salaries will vary by employer, geographic location, and experience.

### Is the inpatient auditing field growing?

Auditing is expected to grow exponentially from 2016 to 2020 due to the changes in medical insurance and reimbursement policies and laws. ICD-10 and improved technology increase the need for advanced skills in inpatient auditing to validate coding, comply with regulations, and analyze clinical documentation. Auditing skills are within the top 5 AHIMA-recommended skills for HIM professionals, providing an excellent career path for inpatient coders not interested in management.

\*U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

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## PROGRAM DETAILS

### Improve Your Life

In as little as 4 months, you can be prepared for a successful new career as an inpatient auditor! Built on over 25 years of experience training high-quality healthcare professionals, the Inpatient Auditing program helps you quickly gain the knowledge and skills you need to advance your HIM career so you can better support your family and improve your financial stability.

### Prepare For A Better Job

Our comprehensive curriculum, developed in collaboration with large employer partners, is designed to build on several years of experience as an inpatient acute care medical coder. It's an excellent career path for inpatient coders not interested in management who have at least 3 years of inpatient acute care coding experience in the last 5 years. It is also recommended that coders hold a current RHIA, RHIT, CCS, or CPC credential. The Inpatient Auditing program covers the following:

- ICD-10-CM/PCS skills
- Fundamentals and reimbursement concepts
- Regulatory compliance and healthcare law
- Administrative and soft skills
- Audit principles, record review, and audit reporting
- Comprehensive, hands-on practicum

### Learn At Home

With online training, you can minimize the challenges of taking time out to return to school. The online training format offers distinct advantages, including the opportunity to:

- Study on a schedule that fits your life
- Progress at a pace that matches your learning style
- Adjust the time and effort you devote to your coursework each day
- Test out of specific courses within the program

### Achieve Success With Live Learner And Career Support

Our program is designed to help you accomplish your goal of getting a job. In addition to employer-trusted training and online flexibility, you'll also have one-on-one access to

three support teams—learner support, technical support, and career support—to ensure you can complete your training and prepare for a better future! All of these support teams are committed to helping you: committed to helping you:

- Achieve program goals
- Complete your program quickly
- Advance your career

### Program Modules and Approximate Completion Hours

| Module                                   | Hours      |
|--|------------|
| Program Orientation                      | 1          |
| ICD-10-CM Skills                         | 20         |
| ICD-10-PCS Skills                        | 20         |
| Fundamentals and Reimbursement Concepts  | 20         |
| Regulatory Compliance                    | 20         |
| Documentation Integrity                  | 30         |
| Administrative & Soft Skills Development | 53         |
| Audit Principles                         | 10         |
| Audit and Record Review                  | 57         |
| Audit Reporting                          | 15         |
| Audit Practicum                          | 140        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                             | <b>386</b> |