

Inpatient Clinical Documentation Improvement Specialist

INDUSTRY FACTS



What do inpatient clinical documentation improvement specialists do?

Clinical documentation improvement specialists perform concurrent reviews of patient health records to ensure complete, accurate, and specific clinical documentation. They have a comprehensive understanding of CMS Coding Guidelines and are responsible for clarifying conflicting, incomplete, or imprecise documentation by actively seeking answers and educating active providers.

Their daily routines probably include the following responsibilities:

- Reviewing overall quality and completeness of clinical documentation.
- Reviewing patient records with an emphasis on improving documentation.
- Applying comprehensive knowledge of medical terminology, anatomy and physiology, disease processes, treatment modalities, diagnostic tests, medications, and procedures to ensure proper code selection.
- Adhering to accepted coding practices, guidelines, and conventions.
- Assisting facility staff with documentation requirements to completely and accurately reflect the patient care provided.

Where do they work?

Inpatient clinical documentation improvement specialists are often onsite as they complete concurrent reviews. This allows them to have real-time dialog with the provider as they review patient charts and records. Remote work is becoming more common for this role, however that would depend upon the individual needs of the organization.

How much do they earn?

By leveling up and expanding your knowledge, you have the opportunity to significantly increase your job salary—the average income for Learners in this career, according to PayScale, is just over \$77,000.*

How's the job outlook?

Advancement in technology has impacted the industry with trends in inpatient, surgical, specialties, and physician coding roles are on the rise. CDI Specialists are an integral part of compliance and documentation improvement.

* PayScale. "Average Clinical Documentation Specialist Salary" Payscale.com. Accessed April 25, 2023.

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PROGRAM DETAILS

Prepare For A Better Job

Train affordably without sacrificing quality. This program's comprehensive training was developed by industry professionals with years of experience – specifically designed to help you prepare for the Certified Documentation Integrity Practitioner (CDIP) and Certified Electronic Health Records Specialist (CEHRS) certification exams.

Learn Your Way (From Home)

With online training, you can absorb more knowledge and learn more skills—fast.

- Train 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

Receive Coaching and Guidance

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Program Outline

Course

Program Orientation: Clinical Documentation Improvement—Inpatient 2023

Introduction to Healthcare

Digital Technology

Comprehensive Medical Terminology

Law, Liability, and Ethics for Healthcare

Anatomy and Physiology Essentials

Health Information Management

Comprehensive Pharmacology

Comprehensive Electronic Health Records

Inpatient Coding 2023

Clinical Documentation Improvement – Inpatient

Program Completion: Clinical Documentation Improvement—Inpatient 2023