E/M Coding Foundations

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

In just 25 hours, we'll give you a rundown of everything you need to know to build a successful E/M coding career. You'll learn all the basics and get a thorough review of each level of E/M service—and in just 1 month, you could be sitting down to take the **Certified Evaluation and Management Coder** exam from the **AAPC**.

Introduction
- Get an overview of the course and set expectations.

Why Use E/M Codes?
- Learn about E/M codes and why they're necessary.

E/M Services Guidelines
- Discuss E/M coding guidelines.

Classification of E/M Services
- Review E/M subcategories and codes.

Commonly Used Terms
- Learn to arrive at the correct E/M code based on the documentation.

New vs. Established Patients
- Learn how to determine the patient's status as new or established—one of the first steps in the process of assigning the correct E/M code.

Chief Complaint and Concurrent Care and Transfer of Care
- Review policies for when a patient receives the same or similar services from more than one physician or another qualified healthcare professional on the same day.

Counseling
- Define patient counseling and how it applies to your work.

Family History, History of Present Illness
- Learn where to find relevant information as you code documentation.

Levels of E/M Services
- Learn more about the process of selecting a level of E/M service.

E/M Inpatient Levels
- Learn to analyze patient records to determine what level of service accurately reflects the "skill, time, effort, responsibility, and medical knowledge" used by the provider.

Determining E/M Level
- Discuss the areas the medical coder must review and "rate" in the medical record to make an accurate E/M code assignment.

Nature of Presenting Problem
- Review one of the first elements of the medical record to be analyzed in the process of arriving at the correct Level of E/M Services code.

Past History, Social History, Review of Systems
- Review other elements that are all analyzed as part of the process of determining the E/M Service Level: past history, social history, and review of systems.

Time (Evaluation & Management)
- Learn how the concept of time applies to coding documentation.

Commonly Used Terms
- Review and define the most commonly used terms in documentation.

Unlisted Service, Special Report
- Discuss additional concepts to grasp before selecting E/M codes.

Clinical Examples
- Learn when and how to rely on clinical examples before selecting E/M codes.

Selecting a Level of E/M Service
- Discuss the seven steps to determine the appropriate E/M code.

E/M Coding
- Review concrete examples of E/M codes.

Counseling/Coordination of Care
- Review special E/M Level code assignment circumstances.

Prolonged E/M Services
- Discuss and review complications and special circumstances.