



Maine Hospital Association

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“APCs and Effective Modifier Utilization” Webinar (#T2609)

Tuesday, August 24, 2010

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Program Topics:

- Overview of Modifiers
 - Payment vs. Informational Modifiers
 - Hospital vs. Physician Modifiers
 - Modifier Placement on Claim Forms
 - APC Utilization of Modifiers
 - CPT and HCPCS Modifiers
- New Modifiers for CY2010
- CMS's Correct Coding Initiative
 - CMS Edits
 - Surgical Package Concepts
 - Private Third-Party Payer Edits
- E/M Modifiers
 - Definition and Use
 - Examples
 - Compliance Issues
- Surgery Related Modifiers
 - Definition and Use
 - Examples
 - Compliance Issues
- Other Modifiers
 - Definition and Use
 - Examples
 - Compliance Issues
- Modifiers and the Chargemaster
 - Static Coding
 - Dynamic Coding
- Documentation and Compliance Issues
 - OIG Issues
 - RAC Issues

Objectives:

At the completion of this program, the participants will be able to:

1. Discuss the concept and use of modifiers for claims filing
2. Compare and distinguish payment modifiers from informational modifiers
3. Explain how APCs utilizes modifiers
4. Review the new modifiers for CY2010
5. Identify the main modifiers used by hospitals
6. Compare the modifiers used by physicians versus hospital utilization
7. Describe CMS's Correct Coding Initiative Edits
8. Describe the documentation requirements in using modifiers
9. Review OIG compliance issues concerning the use of modifiers
10. Discuss RAC concerns with the proper use of modifiers

Target Audience:

CEO, COO, CFO, CNO, CMO, All Coding, Billing and Claims Transaction Staff, Chargemaster Coordinators, Financial Analysts, and Compliance Staff

Faculty:

Duane Abbey, PhD, CFP, Abbey & Abbey Consultants, Inc., Ames, Iowa

Duane Abbey is a management consultant and president of Abbey & Abbey Consultants. For over 20 years, Duane has provided healthcare consulting services to hospitals, physicians, and medical clinics. The focus of his consulting has been in the areas of compliance, payment, and delivery systems. In addition to his consulting, Dr. Abbey is an invited presenter for hospital associations, medical societies, and other groups. He also has published both articles and books on healthcare topics. Dr. Abbey earned his graduate degrees from the University of Notre Dame and Iowa State University.

Registration Fee:

\$175 per site for MHA members
\$275 per site for non-members

The registration deadline is August 13, 2010. Advance registration is required to ensure the delivery of instructional materials.

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations made prior to the registration deadline (August 13) will be issued a refund, less a \$25 administrative fee. Cancellations made after August 13 will be charged 50% of the registration fee. No refunds will be issued for those who do not cancel in advance of the program.

Connecting to the Program:

All registration fees are per phone connection. Complete the attached registration form and return it to the Maine Hospital Association. Upon registering for the program, notify all participants and arrange a meeting room and speaker phone, if desired. At least three business days prior to the program, you will receive confirmation of your registration and instructions on logging into the program via email. You will also receive instructions on downloading the speakers' handouts via website. Approximately 5 to 10 minutes before the program, dial in to be connected to the session.

If you have not received a confirmation notice 48 hours prior to the program, please call Leslie Gagne at (207) 622-4794 to confirm your registration has been received. Confirmation notices will be sent via email when available.

Registration Form

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The fee covers one telephone connection and includes a set of handouts (which can then be copied).

Payment Method: Check enclosed (payable to RET) Check being mailed Credit Card

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Signature _____

Please send completed registration form along with payment to: Leslie Gagne, Maine Hospital Association, 33 Fuller Road, Augusta, Maine 04330 or fax (mail payment separately) to 207/622-3073. If you have questions, please call Leslie Gagne or Carol Sinclair at 207/622-4794 or by email at lgagne@themha.org or csinclair@themha.org.

Registration deadline is Friday, August 13, 2010.