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Healthcare Administration Alliance (HAA) Announces Virtual Symposium in September to Address Evaluation and Management (E/M) 2021 Updates

Medical Coders, Auditors, Managers, and Providers to Attend Workshops Focused on Significant E/M Changes Affecting Reimbursement in 2021 and Beyond

July 28, 2020 - SPANISH FORK, UT. The Healthcare Administration Alliance (HAA) today announced that the organization will host its first <u>Evaluation and Management Conference</u> from September 22nd – 25th. Designed to prepare attendees for the long-anticipated 2021 E/M coding revisions, the symposium will kick-off day one with a fundamentals workshop and E/M Coding Certificate exam, followed by three days of E/M-specific panels and presentations from industry professionals whose specializations include healthcare law, medical practice leadership, coding and auditing, and education.

"The Evaluation and Management codes and coding guidelines will soon undergo very material changes - there is literally no time to waste in preparing for them," said LaMont Leavitt, Executive Director of HAA. Dave Berky, Director of Technology with HAA added: "Anyone who is an E/M coding professional will find our symposium to be of tremendous professional value. Precise documentation and coding of these services are essential to providing patients with quality care, and providers with maximum and timely payment."

After almost 30 years of the same E/M codes and coding guidelines, the most reported subset of evaluation and management codes have finally been revised to bring E/M coding into the 21st century. The original codes and guidelines were published when the DOS (Disk Operating System) was the most prevalent computer system. Today, providers, with iPads and tablets in hand, are caring for patients in a high-tech environment while being governed by decades-old documentation and coding guidelines.

In 2020, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced adoption of the E/M code changes published by the American Medical Association (AMA) in the Current Procedural Terminology® (CPT) codebook. These changes are specific to Office or Other Outpatient E/M services. Changes made to this subsection of E/M coding will significantly impact provider reimbursement as well as the auditing process for years to come.

Conference sponsors include: innoviHealth (parent company of Find-A-Code), Practice Management Institute (PMI), Absolute Medical Coding Institute (AMCI), and BC Advantage. Click here for a current list of guest presenters.

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