Medical Coding – ICD-10

The Medical Coding Profession – A Change to ICD-10

Effective October 2014, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will require that the standard ICD-9 code sets, which are used in medical billing and coding to report health care diagnoses and procedures, be replaced by ICD-10. This move from ICD-9 to ICD-10 will have a significant impact on healthcare providers and on the process by which they receive reimbursement. The adoption of ICD-10 will create enormous challenges for the U.S. healthcare system and the requirements of medical coding.

The Medical Coding ICD-10 Program

Medical coding professionals keep records, calculate patient charges, and review files. This Medical Coding ICD-10 course reviews key elements of the changes from ICD-9 to ICD-10 and examines the impact of this change on the U.S. healthcare system. This course covers the following key areas and topics:

- Detailed reviews of both ICD-10 (diagnostic coding) and ICD-10-PCS (inpatient procedural coding system)
- Differences between ICD-9 and ICD-10
- Issues relating to federal regulation and compliance
- Various issues surrounding the implementation of ICD-10

Education and Certification

- Students should have or be pursuing a high school diploma or GED.
- Certain National Medical Coding Certification exams are very complex and may require 6 months to 2 years of suggested practical coding experience prior to being eligible for the exam or being recognized as a certified medical coding professional.

Detailed Course Topics Covered

- A review of ICD-10
- Purpose of ICD-10
- Reimbursement process
- Federal regulation and compliance
- Transition process
- Diagnosis coding in the ICD-10
- Comparison between ICD-10 and ICD-9
- Using the ICD-10 manual
- Using the ICD-10-PCS manual for hospital procedure coding
- ICD-10 in day-to-day operations
- Coding from chart notes
- Coding from operative reports
- Functions, processes, and procedures of diagnostic coding
- Procedural coding
- Analysis of electronic coding tools
- Practice coding for a variety of purposes and settings
- Examination of the future of coding