



Obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and chronic kidney disease are rarely seen as lone diagnoses. Thus they should rarely be coded as distinctly separate entities, but as the interactive processes that they are. Combination codes for diagnoses and CPTII quality reporting codes work together to present the full picture of a patient's current status and help set expectations for risk and health expenditures.

Reporting the correct diagnoses, but in the incorrect manner, can result in an oversimplification of the patient's condition, underestimation for healthcare expenditures, and false expectations of better quality outcomes that can lead to lower quality ratings and reduced fee schedules.

MetroCare is presenting two new webinars demonstrating the proper integrative approach to documenting and reporting these four diseases, building on the foundation laid by our HCC/combination coding programs.

Join us in August for either a one hour condensed program for providers or a more detailed three hour session especially for coders and for those providers who want a deeper presentation.

CODING the BIG FOUR: Diabetes, HTN, CKD and Obesity

Presented by: Karen Scott, MEd, RHIA, CCS-P, CPC, FAHIMA

Friday August 6 9AM- 12 noon

This three hour session is a deep dive into coding these four diseases and their interactive nature. Discussion, along with case examples will review:

- *Proper use of combination codes for reporting these interactive issues
- *Proper reporting of CPTII codes that can demonstrate treatment outcomes for quality
- *Proper reporting of ICD + CPTII for obesity diagnoses and the effects of chronic disease on BMI level when choosing an obesity vs morbid obesity diagnosis and reporting a diagnosis without a BMI
- *Specific questions regarding the number of combo codes you can report, choosing the right combo codes when all of these diagnoses are present, how to report CPTII codes

One hour condensed sessions present the above information in a format especially for clinicians:

Wednesday August 11 Lunchtime Webinar 12:15

[RSVP/info here](#)

Wednesday August 18 Evening Webinar 6PM

[RSVP/info here](#)



Social Determinants of Health: CDC Initiatives

Many times, just recognizing that the difficulty communicating with your patient can sometimes be their greatest barrier to good healthcare is enough to effect a positive change. The CDC is offering free online health literacy training in brief modules with free CME attached.

[Access to program information and registration here.](#)

Links to Payer Updates

Regular payer coding/billing updates are announced in their monthly provider newsletters, but it can be difficult to navigate easily to that part of the newsletter. Here are direct links to those most recent updates for our contracts: ****[click here for Cigna](#)**** ****[click here for UnitedHealthcare](#)****

Practice Management Webinars

MetroCare has been partnering with SVMIC to present live webinar topics of interest to physician practice administrators and managing partners.

These are presented monthly as one hour noon webinars.

2021 Topics Include:

Supervising and Billing MidLevels	Aug 19
Utilizing Scribes	Sept 16
Front Desk Best Practices	Oct 14
Coding and Billing Compliance/Self Audits	Nov 18

[register here for webinar zoom links](#)

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