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HCC Coding with Steve Adams
University of Memphis
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March 25, 2020

5:30-7:30 PM

MetroCare has Moved!
Same building at 1661 International
Meetings will be in HealthChoice suite 150
New Office Suite: 175 (just inside the back
door of the building)

New CPT II Codes Allow More Precise Reporting of HbA1c

Our commercial HBA1c Level quality measure should prove easier to meet now that codes exist for reporting levels between 7% and 8%

Two new CPT II codes have been added for 2020 to allow more precise reporting of HbA1c levels between 7% and 9%. This change has been eagerly awaited by those providers charged with reporting patient levels below 8% to meet HEDIS measures.

CPT II Code	Description-HbA1C Level	HEDIS 2019 Reporting Year (dates of Service 1/1/18-12/31/18)	Reporting Year (Dates of Service 1/1/19-12/31/19)
3044F	<7.0%	X	X
3045F	≥7.0 - ≤9.0%	X	X
3046F	>9.0%	X	X
3051F	≥7.0 - <8.0%		X
3052F	≥8.0 - ≤9.0%		X

Code 3051F will now facilitate reporting of those patients with an HbA1c level below 8% but above 7% that have previously been unreportable by claims to satisfy that <8% level needed to meet quality scores for many value-based contracts.

Both the Cigna and UnitedHealthcare value-based contracts for our HealthchoiceTrilogy network contain a quality measure for most recent HbA1c test level <8% for patients with Type1 and Type2 diabetes. Successful performance reporting has been difficult at best until now.

Our performance success on this measure as a network depends on you to use these new CPT II codes in your practice every day.

Cigna Names MLH Germantown a Center of Excellence

Cigna recently announced that it has named Methodist LeBonheur Germantown hospital as its inpatient 2020 Joint Replacement Center of Excellence for the Memphis metropolitan area. We congratulate our network hospital partner on this achievement.

OSHA for Practice Administrators and OSHA officers

Anne Pontius, MBA, FACMPE, CHC, MT(ASCP), Senior Medical Practice Consultant for SVMIC, will present this program targeted at medical practice administrators and OSHA officers for MetroCare practices that are covered by SVMIC, approximately 90% of MetroCare providers.

Ms. Pontius will address practice responsibilities and discuss resources for obtaining/updating practice OSHA manuals and policies for the training and protection of practice employees.

This interactive session will cover such OSHArelated topics as blood-borne pathogens, hazard communications, workplace violence, active shooter, fire safety, emergency action plan, and other safety concerns and may serve as a lead-in to a later one-on-one review of the practice's OSHA Manual.

We urge you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity presented free of charge to our SVMIC covered practices on February 5, 1:00- 2:00PM. Lunch will be served.

For details and registration click here.

Improving your Diabetes Coding: Your Risk Score Depends on It

Specify diabetes type every time: coding rules default to Type 2 diabetes if Type 1 is not specified in the current encounter.

If diabetes is Type 2, document any OHA and/or insulin use.

At initial diagnosis, remember to note Diabetes with Hyperglycemia if appropriate---- this will get the higher HCC of diabetes with complications

Diabetes with any of the following should always be coded as a combination code rather than separate diagnoses, unless you believe the diabetes is not an underlying factor:

- -neuropathy
- -arterial disease
- -chronic kidney disease

Problem lists should be updated at each encounter to avoid errors and correct for changes.

If you drag diagnoses from the problem list into your assessment, please be mindful of individual, uncomplicated diagnoses that may need to be converted to a single combination code.

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Changes to MethodistMD Website Affect Access

MethodistMD required an update on October 28, 2019 to allow the Citrix software to be moved to a more secure updated Windows server. Though most users have remained functional through the transition, some physicians and office staff continue to have access issues when trying to log on to MethodistMD.

Overview and detailed instructions: click here

If you continue to experience issues after following the detailed instructions in the link above, please call the MLH Help Desk at 901-516-3111.

We Are Here to Assist You

A dedicated team of professionals is committed to assuring that MetroCare physicians and their practices have the tools and resources to achieve success with the changes required for transition to value-based healthcare.

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