

UHC INSTITUTES NEW MATERNITY CODING GUIDELINES

Beginning July 1, UnitedHealthcare will require gestational age to be reported on maternity claims. If you are not already reporting weeks of gestation on maternity claims, please update your practice management system to report these codes for your UHC commercial plan claims and/or alert your billing company regarding this change to avoid claim denials. [click here for more](#)

Cigna has announced that effective June 1, it may begin to deny some payments for shoulder arthroscopy performed inpatient after a review for medical necessity based on guidelines from MCG Health criteria. [click here for more information](#)

Presentations for Providers

Obesity Management

NovoNordisk has offered access to some of their educators who will present webinars of particular interest to anyone managing obesity as well as for diabetes.

These unbranded webinars will be presented in a one hour lunchtime or evening format. Our first session will be on June 23 at noon.

Complexity of Body Weight Regulation and Obesity Treatment Options

presented by:
Josh Neuman, PhD, Obesity Medical Liaison Field Medical Affairs

This program will focus on the challenges of weight loss and the physiological and metabolic reasons why it is difficult to not only lose weight, but also keep it off. It will include discussion of AACE/ACE guidelines for medical management of obesity.

[Click here to register for zoom link.](#)

SEPSIS Coding and Documentation Improvement

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

This is a brief, single topic program designed especially for hospitalist providers who necessarily code their own encounters, but is open to coders and other staff as well.

The proper coding of sepsis and its complicating conditions can be a difficult process due to the specific rules involved.

LUNCH SESSION: 12:15 PM Wednesday May 19 [Click here](#) to register for zoom link

FREE CODING BOOT CAMP: Not just for coders

Coding Boot Camp will take place on four Fridays in June. The first three full days will each concentrate on a single topic/area with practice questions/problems. Join us to review a specific topic or for coding certification test prep.

June 4: Anatomy/Terminology [info/RSVP](#)

June 11: ICD-10: Diagnostic Coding [info/RSVP](#)

June 18: CPT/Modifiers: procedures and E&M [info/RSVP](#)

June 25: Review and certification testing tips [info/RSVP](#)

Social Determinants of Health:

Free access to practice educational materials from AAFP

The American Academy of Family Physicians and its foundation freely share their trademarked publications online for educational purposes, having developed a program called "The EveryONE Project" with the goal of advancing health equity in every community.

The AAFP has shared online "Addressing Social Determinants of Health in Primary Care team-based approach for advancing health equity".

This document is eight pages of a thoughtful, step-wise guide to help bring about a culture of understanding and recognition of the differences outside your practice that impact the care and healing of the patients within your practice. [Click here to access](#)

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](#)*****

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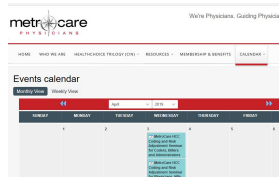
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Practice Management Webinars

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:

Payer Recoupments and Audits	May 13
Bankruptcy Basics	June 17
SVMIC Medical Practice Services	July 15
Supervising and Billing MidLevels	August 19
Utilizing Scribes	September 16
Front Desk Best Practices	October 14
Coding and Billing Compliance and Self Audits	November 18

[register here for webinar zoom links](#)

Please choose the appropriate month in the dropdown at the top of the calendar