

Client: McKenzie Institute

Program Date: August 6, 2010

Program Title: Coding, Documentation & Compliance: Basic Tools for Successful Communication and Payment

Program Content:

- ❖ Understanding Unwarranted Variation in Practice and its impact on audits in Physical Therapy
- ❖ Coding for Physical Therapy Services
- ❖ Documentation: Medical Necessity and Focusing on Function
- ❖ Transitioning to Electronic Documentation: Issues to Consider

Program Objectives:

- ❖ Explain why unwarranted variation in physical therapy is resulting in greater focus on audit and investigation activities and the implication for physical therapy providers.
- ❖ Describe the CPT codes most frequently used in describing Physical Therapist Practice (intent and application).
- ❖ Identify areas of risk in coding from a compliance perspective and learn documentation tips important in support of the use of codes to describe clinical practice (all settings).
- ❖ Become aware of documentation issues from an auditor's perspective and learn how to ensure documentation content helps to minimize the risk of positive audit findings.
- ❖ Learn the concepts related to a Functional Focus in documentation.
- ❖ Begin prepare and plan for the inevitable transition from hand written documentation to an electronic system
- ❖ Understand basic criteria that every physical therapist or physical therapy provider should expect when beginning the search for an electronic documentation system

References (5 related to the course material):

- ❖ AMA CPT 2010
- ❖ HCPCS Level II, Medicare Codes 2010
- ❖ Medicare RBRVS: The Physician's Guide, 2010
- ❖ Coding and Payment Guide for the Physical Therapist, Ingenix,/APTA , 2010
- ❖ Documentation For Rehabilitation: A Guide to Clinical Decision Making; Quinn/Gordon, Saunders/Elsevier 2010
- ❖ ICD-9-CM, Vols. 1-2
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