ACDIS Pre-Conference: May 19-20, 2019
Beyond hospital walls: CDI expansion across the health system

Healthcare is rapidly changing from fee-for-service to pay-for-performance and risk adjusted payment. CDI can no longer afford to focus solely on its original inpatient model when care is increasingly delivered in outpatient settings and services, or tied to bundled payment methodologies, mandatory CMS quality programs, and Hierarchical Condition Categories (HCCs).

This one-of-a-kind pre-conference takes a deep dive into CDI’s role across the care continuum, as well as risk adjusted payment methodologies and CMS quality programs including Hospital Value Based Purchasing, the Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program, Bundled Payments for Care Improvement-Advanced, and the Hospital Acquired Condition Reduction Program. This two-day session covers far more than just theory: Expert presenters review concrete ways in which CDI specialists can make an impact, including must-know coding guidelines and how to implement a risk adjustment approach to your existing CDI department.

This program concludes with a case study of Mayo Clinic, presented by Dr. James Manz, who will walk attendees through the implementation of a risk-adjusted CDI program throughout the system’s hospitals and provider clinics. Implementation and staffing strategies, as well as metrics, lessons learned, and the system’s ongoing progress, will be covered.

Learning objectives

At the conclusion of this program, participants will be able to:

- Describe a working model of outpatient CDI
- Identify critical concepts relating to outpatient/provider services coding and payment
- Explain risk adjustment concepts including HCCs
- Define CMS mandatory quality payment programs and the ways in which CDI can make an impact
- Implement a risk adjustment approach based on successful models and shared best practice
- Develop metrics and EHR tools/workflows to support care across the continuum

Agenda

Day 1: Sunday, May 19, 2019

- Introduction to outpatient CDI
  - Hospital focus
  - Provider/professional services focus
• Health system focus
  • Comparing/contrasting DRG methodology and HCCs
    o Gaps in legacy CDI approach (CC/MCC capture and CMI focus)
  • Important aspects of outpatient/provider services coding
    o Basic mechanics of reimbursement methodologies
      ▪ Ambulatory payment classifications (APCs)
      ▪ Medicare Physician Fee Schedules (MPFS)
      ▪ Risk adjustment (HCCs)
    o Section IV of ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting
    o HCPCS (CPT and Level II) code assignment
      ▪ Source authorities – (e.g., AMA's CPT Assistant)
      ▪ Modifiers
      ▪ Fundamentals of evaluation and management coding
  • HCCs as a risk adjustment tool
    o Payment adjustments – professional practice
      ▪ Medicare Advantage methodology
      ▪ RAF scores – A tool for measuring provider documentation performance
    o Quality measure adjustments (normalizing a population)
      ▪ CMS mandatory programs (HVBP, HRRP, HACRP): Hospital-based measures
        • Claims-based measures
          o Mortality
          o Readmission
          o Spending
      ▪ Voluntary CMS alternative payment programs: Health system-based measures
        • ACOs/MSSP
          o Target price
          o Quality performance
        • Advanced BPCI
          o Clinical episodes

Day 2: Monday, May 20, 2019

• Implementing a risk adjustment approach
  o EMR configuration
  o Depiction of acuity
  o Coding depth
  o Documentation precision
• Provider perspective: Mayo Clinic case study
  o How to gain C-Suite support/backing
  o How to engage providers
  o Where should you focus?
  o Challenges/compare and contrast with inpatient CDI
  o What does ‘success’ look like? How do you measure it?
  o Opportunities to leverage your system/EMR
• Open Q&A
• Adjourn
Speakers

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**Shannon E. McCall, RHIA, CCS, CCS-P, CPC, CEMC, CRC, CCDS, HCS-D** is the director of HIM and coding for HCPro. She oversees all of the Certified Coder Boot Camp programs. McCall was the original developer of the Certified Coder Boot Camp—Inpatient Version and the Evaluation and Management Boot Camp; most recently, she collaborated with the CDI team to develop the Risk Adjustment Documentation and Coding Boot Camp. McCall works with hospitals, medical practices, and other healthcare providers on a wide range of coding-related custom education sessions.

**Michelle M. Wieczorek, RHIT, RN, CPHQ,** is Senior Manager of DHG Healthcare. She combines 30 years of healthcare knowledge as a clinician, with subject matter expertise in CDI, HIM, and clinical quality in her role as leader of Clinical Documentation Integrity Services at DHG Healthcare. Michelle has served in leadership roles in Critical Care Nursing, Health Information Management, Utilization Review, Clinical Quality, and Information Technology and has practiced in acute, outpatient and managed care settings. She has extensive experience in software development and IT product management, including holding a US patent in Natural Language Processing clinical rules logic as a result of her work in developing a CDI software program with a national IT vendor.

**James Manz, MD,** is a consultant in spine and neurological surgery with the Mayo Clinic Health system NWWI. He services as Physician Chair of the Mayo Enterprise Outpatient CDI Subcommittee, Physician Vice Chair for the Mayo Enterprise Inpatient CDI Subcommittee, and Physician Advisor of the Mayo Clinic Problem List Stewardship Committee

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