



PHYSICIAN PRACTICE COMPLIANCE SERVICES

Putting your practice on the right path.

The complex rules and regulations covering the coding, billing and documenting of services can be difficult to understand and harder to implement in your day-to-day practice. And as investigations into alleged healthcare fraud and abuse increase, the risk of an audit by a Medicare Carrier, the Office of Inspector General or the FBI becomes more likely every day.

To protect your practice from potential investigation, a well-developed and fully implemented compliance plan is the key. An effective compliance plan focuses on the following key risk areas:

- Coding and billing
- Medical necessity and appropriateness
- Documentation
- Improper inducements, kickbacks and self-referrals
- Retention of medical records



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A Three-Phase Process

Dixon Hughes can provide a compliance program for your practice in a three-phase process. While each phase is available separately, all three phases are necessary for a complete compliance program designed to provide your practice with direction, documentation and protection.

The steps in the process and the methodology for each step are:

Phase I: Baseline Evaluation and Management Chart Audit

1. Review of 10 – 15 Medicare charts per physician, focusing on documentation and billing of E&M Codes, procedures, and ancillary services
2. Analysis of coding patterns and reports on variances from national benchmark coding comparisons
3. Chargemaster/encounter form review and update
4. Analysis of audit results and report of potential areas for concern and development
5. Presentation of findings and recommendations

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Phase II: Compliance Program Development

1. Review of any existing policies, procedures and processes involving all practice areas related to compliance
2. Development of compliance plan specific to your practice needs
3. Development or review of policies and procedures designed to meet the requirements of the plan
4. Presentation of materials to client

Phase III: Education, Training and Implementation

1. Onsite training of office personnel including instruction, educational materials and in-depth review of policies
2. Onsite individualized physician training on compliance and in-depth review of E&M coding and documentation, and documentation and billing for other services

In some instances, chart reviews reveal missed charges for ancillary services, patterns of undercoding or other unbilled professional services.

For More Information

Don't allow improper coding and documentation to leave money on the table for your providers. Visit us at www.dixon-hughes.com, or contact us today to see how we can help:

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