Accurate coding is essential to receive appropriate PPS reimbursement. Coding mistakes needlessly cost agencies thousands of dollars every year, but you can prevent it! This three-part on-demand education series taught by veteran instructor Joan Usher provides participants an overview of how to utilize ICD-9-CM guidelines correctly, and how coding impacts agency payments.

Not only a great place for new coders to start, this series is an excellent refresher for existing staff on ICD 9 fundamentals, and will prepare participants for ICD-10 next year. View the series on YOUR schedule--no need to work around summer staffing shortages. Joan will answer questions, and provide feedback to users all summer long. See our website for more details, www.homecarenh.org.
Course Agenda

I. Introduction to Coding Fundamentals

1. Understand the 5 steps to correctly look-up ICD-9 CM Codes
2. Understand coding conventions necessary for proper code assignment

II. Coding and Its Impact on Reimbursement

1. Learn how to choose the primary & other diagnoses using ICD-9CM & OASIS guidelines
2. Review OASIS M items that relate to coding including:
   a. Inpatient diagnosis (M1010)
   b. Primary diagnosis (M1020)
   c. Other diagnoses/comorbidities (M1022)
   d. Payment diagnosis (M1024)
3. Discuss the proper sequencing of diagnoses
4. Gain a basic understanding of case mix diagnoses in the Prospective Payment System (PPS) Home Health Coding

III. Common Diagnostic Areas for Errors

1. Identify common areas where coding errors cause loss of revenue
2. Identify how to code specific diagnostic areas
   a. Diabetes
   b. Neurological Diagnoses
   c. Neoplasms
   d. Cardiac Diagnoses
   e. Orthopedic Diagnoses

Registration Information

- Contact your state association or the Home Care Association of New Hampshire for information on registering for this series, 603.225.5597 or at info@homecarenh.org.
- The series has rolling registrations, however the entire three part, online series MUST be completed by September 15.
- Visit www.homecarenh.org for details.

About Our Presenter

Joan Usher, BS, RHIA, COS-C, ACE, President of JLU Health Record Systems, is a nationally recognized health information management expert. Joan has a degree in Health Record Administration and has been a home health consultant for over 25 years. She has educated more than 10,000 people in 15 states on coding. Joan is a past president of the Massachusetts Health Information Management Association (MHI MA) and has served three years as a delegate for MHIMA. Joan is an AHIMA-certified coding trainer.