

Course Objectives/Course Outline
Spokane Community College

Course Title: Medical Assistant Coding and Reimbursement

Prefix and Course Number: HIM 120

Course Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, a student should be able to:

- Define medical insurance terminology
- Define and differentiate between different types of medical insurance coverage
- Explain and understand legal and ethical issues regarding medical insurance and billing
- Complete medical insurance claim forms
- Perform procedural and HCPCs coding
- Perform diagnostic coding

Course Outline:

I. Define medical insurance terminology

- A. Assignment of Benefits
- B. Claim
- C. Beneficiary
- D. Capitation
- E. Coinsurance
- F. Co-pay
- G. Exclusion
- H. Managed Care Organization (MCO)
- I. Health Maintenance Organization (HMO)
- J. Coordination of Benefits
- K. Deductible
- L. Fiscal Intermediary

II. Define and differentiate between different types of medical insurance coverage

- A. Traditional
- B. Managed Care
- C. Medicare
- D. Medicaid
- E. Workers' Compensation
- F. CHAMPUS
- G. CHAMPVA
- H. Self Insurance
- I. Blue Cross/Blue Shield

III. Legal and ethical issues regarding medical insurance and billing

- A. Guidelines for releasing patient information to insurance companies
- B. Breach of Confidentiality
- C. Fraud
- D. Insurance Abuse

IV. Medical insurance claim forms

- A. HCFA 1500
- B. Uniform Bill 92 (UB92)
- C. HCFA 1450

V. Procedural and HCPCS coding

- A. CPT
- B. Basic rules for procedural coding
- C. HCFA Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS)
- D. Procedural coding

VI. Diagnostic coding

- A. ICD-9CM
- B. Basic rules for diagnostic coding
- C. V codes
- D. E codes