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## Understanding Medicare Advantage Programs for Physicians & Hospitals

### Webinar #T5048

#### DATE AND TIME

May 8, 2018

12:30 - 2:00 p.m. CT

#### OVERVIEW

Medicare Advantage (MA) programs represent some real challenges for healthcare providers such as physicians, hospitals, skilled nursing, home health among others. In some cases, a given provider will be part of a network or under contract to the given MA plan, and, thus, coding, billing and reimbursement are governed by the contract. In other cases, a given healthcare provider may by filing a claim with an MA plan across the country in which there is no relationship between the MA plan and the provider.

For MA programs, emphasis is given to provider relationships particularly for physicians and hospitals. If a claim is filed by a healthcare provider that is not part of the MA plan's network, then the claim is to be adjudicated under the traditional Medicare rules. Given the variability in coverage and medical policies, there can be confusion when claims are adjudicated and paid.

Join this session, where Dr. Abbey will discuss three different perspectives: 1) Medicare beneficiary to the MA plans, 2) Providers coding, billing and reimbursement relative to MA plans and 3) Medicare's relationship and compliance relative to MA organizations.

#### TARGET

This session is recommended for managed care analysts, compliance officers and analysts, RAC coordinators, clinical directors/managers, physicians, nurses, practitioners, IT personnel, health information management (HIM) staff, chargemaster coordinators, revenue cycle specialists, internal auditors and others interested in better understanding Medicare Advantage Programs.

#### OBJECTIVES

1. Discuss how the Medicare Advantage Program works and why they are so popular with beneficiaries.
2. Explain how physicians, hospitals and other healthcare providers contract with and become part of network.
3. Identify the process of filing claims to MA programs with which the provider does not have a relationship.
4. Describe how claims are adjudicated and payment is made for both contracted and non-contracted situations.
5. Discuss the appeals process when there are coverage and/or payment disagreements.
6. Explain how the Medicare program views Medicare Advantage.
7. Identify compliance issues surrounding payment to Medicare Advantage Programs.

#### FACULTY

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For over 20 years, Dr. Duane Abbey has provided health care consulting services to hospitals, physicians, and medical clinics. The focus of his consulting has been in the areas of compliance, payment and delivery systems. In addition to his consulting, Dr. Abbey is an invited presenter for hospital associations, medical societies and other groups. He has also published articles and books on health care topics. The speaker has no real or perceived conflicts of interest that relate to this presentation.

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