

Observation: Billing, Coding and Financial Impacts

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DATE AND TIME

March 30, 2017

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. CT

OVERVIEW

This workshop is devoted to the observation services with an emphasis on coding, billing and financial impacts with the development of the observation C-APC (Comprehensive APC) under the Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS). Observation continues as a problem area relative to proper coding, billing and documentation particularly in relationship with the propriety of inpatient admissions. CMS through the OPPS has developed a packaged payment process using a C-APC that makes a blanket payment of observation services. Whether hospitals even recover their costs under this packaged approach is problematic given the extreme variability of services and the host of challenges with determining proper inpatient admissions. The reimbursement differences between a short inpatient stay versus observation will also be discussed.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This session is recommended for physicians and non-physician practitioners, outpatient nursing staff, medical/surgical nursing personnel and managers, ED nursing staff, healthcare compliance personnel, utilization review and quality assurance teams, billing, coding and claims transaction personnel, chargemaster coordinators, compliance personnel and other interested staff.

OBJECTIVES

1. Discuss the concept of observation and associated services.
2. Explain how documentation must support the coding and billing process.
3. Differentiate between observation and inpatient admissions.
4. Describe the medical decision making relative to the over 2-Midnight Rule.

5. Define the use of standard observation protocols or care paths.
6. Identify use of C-APC 8011 in payment for observation under the OPPS.
7. Discuss how Medicare reimbursement is affected by a procedure performed after observation.
8. Compare reimbursement between a short stay inpatient encounter and an observation encounter.
9. Explain how private payers view and use observation services.
10. Identify the requirements in the NOTICE Act.

FACULTY

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