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CPT coding, billing, and documentation*

Outpatient Therapy CPT Coding, Billing, and Documentation for Rehabilitation Reimbursement

Most current information will be covered

Ensure Optimal Reimbursement!

- ◆ Apply CPT and L codes effectively
- ◆ Better understand CCI edits as they apply to outpatient therapy
- ◆ Charge correctly for the services you provide
- ◆ Master all the necessary components of documentation
- ◆ Advance your understanding of the certification and recertification requirements under Medicare Part B therapy services

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Insurance payers are increasingly reviewing therapy claims to ensure that the therapy provided to the beneficiary required the skills of a therapist, was billed appropriately, and the required documentation was present in the patient's medical record. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services continue to focus their efforts on reducing inappropriate payments to providers of therapy services in all settings. The Office of the Inspector General continues to focus on outpatient therapy services in their yearly work plans. Congress authorized the Recovery Audit Contractors to be a mandated program due to the extreme success of recovering nearly 1 billion dollars during the 3-year demonstration project. An accurate understanding of the coding and documentation process is critical for rehab professionals to ensure that they are paid correctly and in a timely manner if medical records are reviewed prior to payment and will keep their money upon a post-payment medical record audit.

Outpatient Therapy CPT Coding, Billing, and Documentation for Rehabilitation Reimbursement covers the correct use of CPT codes, L Level II codes, and modifiers used by Physical and Occupational Therapists as well as Speech-Language Pathologists in all outpatient settings including private practice, hospital-based, rehab agencies, comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facilities, skilled nursing facilities, and in a patient's home. Billing scenarios are discussed and reviewed to ensure therapists can accurately charge patients for their services. This course thoroughly reviews Medicare Part B and other third party payer documentation guidelines for initial evaluations, re-evaluations, progress and discharge reports, daily notes, certifications/recertifications, and plans of care. Resources and references are provided to help therapists and assistants stay current with the ever-changing reimbursement guidelines and regulations as they pertain to outpatient therapy services.

Who Should Attend

- Physical Therapists
- Occupational Therapists
- Speech-Language Pathologists
- Physical Therapist Assistants
- Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants
- Rehab Directors, Managers, and Supervisors
- Rehab Billers and Coders
- Physicians
- Nursing Home Administrators
- Nurses

What You Will Learn

- Discuss reimbursement for Medicare and Non-Medicare payers
- Define service-based vs. time-based CPT codes
- Describe the rationale for the use of CPT and L codes in all outpatient settings
- Define and distinguish between mutually exclusive edicts and column 1/column 2 edits
- Read the CCI edit chart and appropriately append modifier-59 to the correct CPT code(s)
- Document appropriately to support the treatments provided and the use of modifier-59
- Describe Medicare's "8-Minute Rule" to bill correctly and optimize reimbursement
- Define "each 15-minutes" and what is a substantial portion for private insurance companies
- Charge correctly for the services you provide under outpatient therapy benefits
- Identify reasonable and necessary criteria for skilled therapy services
- Describe and implement the necessary components of documentation to support skilled therapy services for reimbursement
- Write function-based short- and long-term goals based on the patient's functional deficits
- Provide the definitions and requirements for developing plan of care and the certification/recertification process

Very informative and 'up to date.' Speaker exhibits strong knowledge and expertise with material. Time and money well-spent. Thank you!

John Staley, PT, Middlesboro, Kentucky



COURSE CONTENT

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND COURSE OBJECTIVES

THERAPY CPT AND L CODES

- ◆ Differentiate between time-based and service-based CPT codes
- ◆ Detailed review of CPT codes commonly used by PT, OT, and SLP
- ◆ Identify which CPT code to bill based on your documentation and purpose of the activity
- ◆ Identify which settings can bill for pre-fabricated and custom fabricated orthotics without needing a DME license

MODIFIERS

- ◆ Differentiate between mutually exclusive and column 1/column 2 CCI edits
- ◆ Learn when modifier-59 is appropriate to use and how to document to support its use

STUDENTS "8 MINUTE RULE" AND POST-TEST BILLING SCENARIOS

- ◆ Identify criteria for students to treat Medicare Part B patients
- ◆ Learn to bill the correct amount of units for timed-based codes under Medicare and for non-Medicare insurance payers

INITIAL EVALUATION DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ History of current illness/injury
- ◆ Prior and current functional status
- ◆ Current living situation
 - Objective data, functional deficits, and function-based goal writing
 - Plan of care requirements

RE-EVALUATION, PROGRESS REPORTS, AND DAILY DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ Differentiate between documenting medical necessity and supporting services rendered/billed
- ◆ Identify required content and time frame for completion of Progress Reports under Medicare
- ◆ Identify required content for daily documentation
- ◆ Identify requirements to bill for a re-evaluation

CERTIFICATION/RECERTIFICATION

- ◆ Identify certification/recertification requirements based on provider setting
- ◆ Identify required components of a plan of care

Dates & Locations

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Best Western InnSuites Hotel and Suites
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Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center
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Sheraton Pasadena
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SHERMAN OAKS - June 26, 2014

Sportsmen's Lodge Hotel
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Course Director

RICK GAWENDA, PT, is a licensed physical therapist with 20 years of experience and currently serves as the founder and President of Gawenda Seminars & Consulting, Inc. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Therapy from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, in 1991. Mr. Gawenda is also Director of Finance for Kinetix Advanced Physical Therapy, a private practice with offices located in Southern California. In addition, he previously worked as the Director of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Detroit Receiving Hospital where he was responsible for physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech-language pathology services, both in the inpatient and outpatient setting. He has provided valuable education and consulting to skilled nursing facilities, hospitals, private practices, and rehabilitation agencies in the areas of CPT/ICD-9 coding, billing, documentation compliance, revenue enhancement, practice management, and denial management as they relate to outpatient therapy services. Mr. Gawenda has presented nationally since 2004 and currently presents this seminar approximately 80 dates per year around the United States.

Mr. Gawenda is the past President of the Section on Health Policy and Administration of the American Physical Therapy Association as well as the past President of the Michigan Association of Medical Program Rehabilitation Administrators.

Mr. Gawenda authored *The How-To Manual for Rehab Documentation: A Complete Guide to Increasing Reimbursement and Reducing Denials and Coding and Billing For Outpatient Rehab Made Easy: Proper Use of CPT Codes, ICD-9 Codes and Modifiers*.

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