Hospice coding continues to change, and it requires specific and updated training. Most education for Hospice Medical Directors has focused on eligibility and admissions decisions, yet a lack of detail or failure to code the appropriate co-morbidities impacts your future hospice payment models. Give your Medical Directors the information they need with this two-part webinar series by national coding expert Joan Usher.

2017 continues to bring attention to coding requirements for hospices – coding of not just the terminal diagnosis but related and unrelated comorbidities. The final rule for 2017 reiterated - "*hospices will report all diagnoses identified in the initial and comprehensive assessments on hospice claims, whether related or unrelated to the terminal prognosis of the individual*". CMS reported that for 2015 data 37% of hospice claims included only one diagnosis while another 63% submitted two diagnoses and 46% submitted three or more diagnoses on the claim. For optimum coding, all levels of staff need to be involved: Admissions staff, Medical Directors, NPPs, Clinicians and QAPI team.

Target Audience: Hospice
 Medical Directors, Admissions staff, Medical Directors, NPPs, Clinicians and QAPI team

What Hospice Medical Directors Need to Know About Coding: *April 6, 2017, 2:00 – 3:00 pm*
Description: Terminology and documentation needed by the Medical Directors & NPP to code effectively

Objectives:
- Identify common documentation issues that leads to poor coding
- Review of documentation on admission summary & physician narrative on CTI
- Identify three strategies to effectively educate professional staff on how to document for coding
- Discuss Test Your Knowledge cases to determine the level of specificity and laterality required for cancer & non-cancer diagnoses

Top Ten Issues for Hospice Coding: *April 13, 2017, 2:00 – 3:00 pm*
Description: Review top ten areas where Hospices have errors in coding

Objectives:
- Identify correct coding for the top 10 diagnoses for hospice
- Discussion of end stage diagnoses: e.g. cardiac, COPD, ESRD, liver disease, cancer diagnoses
- Describe documentation requirements for the top 10 diagnoses
- Recognize correct coding of "Test Your Knowledge" case studies

Presenter
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