



Certified Medical Auditor

The Medical Auditor Profession

Medical auditing is a critical element to ensure physicians' practices are not only in compliance with applicable regulatory standards, but also ensures these practices are profitable in the short and long term. Federal Medicare and Medicaid regulations will begin to tighten after the passage and implementation of provisions from the Affordable Care Act of 2010. To ensure compliance with these new regulations and also maintain revenue levels and overall profitability, many healthcare practices will require Certified Professional Medical Auditors to apply their skills in coding, documentation and compliance in providing audit services. The CPMA examination is recommended for certified coders or medical record auditors with experience auditing physician services or significant coding experience and is well versed with a variety of different types of audits including, but not limited to E/M services.

The Certified Medical Auditor Program

The purpose of this program is to familiarize students with all areas medical auditing. This course covers the following key areas and topics:

- Medical Record Standards and Documentation Guidelines
- Coding Compliance Guidelines
- Legal Compliance
- Coding and Reimbursement Concepts
- Scope and Statistical Sampling Methodologies
- Medical Record Auditing Abstraction
- Category Analysis & Communication

Education & Certification

- Medical Auditors should have or be pursuing a high school diploma or GED.
- This course is designed to prepare an individual to become a Certified Professional Medical Auditor (CPMA®)
- This course is ideal for current medical billing and coding professionals to expand their skill sets

Detailed Course Topics Covered

- Demonstrate understanding of the OIG Compliance Guidance for Individual and Small Group Physician Practices, Clinical Laboratories, and Third-Party Billing Companies
- Explain the structure, composition, and organization of medical records according to government standards
- Describe coding and documentation guidelines, including regulatory control and compliance issues when auditing
- Explain the concepts and theories of coding as related to auditing and reimbursement
- Analyze the documentation auditing process
- Apply auditing guidelines for evaluation, management, surgical, physical therapy, radiology, psychiatric, hematological, oncological, and infusion services
- Explain what is audited, the methods of reporting an audit, and ways to present the findings