

Title: Documentation & Payment Principles: 2011 Update

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Intended Audience: PTs, PTAs, OTs, COTAs

Course Description:

It is often said, “If it is not documented, it was not done”. Poor documentation has many costs: lost time, lost money and an increased misperception of the value rehabilitation provides. It seems as though every year documentation standards are coverage criteria change again, making the business of patient care even more complicated.

This course will take a logical approach to explaining the reimbursement process for rehabilitation practices. The connection between documentation, coding and payment will be explained. Examples of strong documentation principles will be provided. The course will inform participants of the supervision requirements for PT & PTA students, and they will learn what reviewers are looking for in documentation.

Course Objectives: Participants will be able to:

1. Effectively document the delivery of medically necessary, skilled rehab services using the most current documentation regulations
2. Discuss the most recent changes to Medicare physician fee schedule and how business practices might be impacted
3. Discuss the most recent changes to inpatient settings and how the provision of therapy is impacted in hospitals, inpatient rehabilitation hospitals, skilled nursing facilities & home health, including student services.
4. Discuss the most recent policy & payment landscape including RAC audits, health care reform, and alternative payment systems for outpatient therapy services.