Medicare’s Targeted Probe & Educate:  
How to Avoid Round 3  
5 CME/CEU Credits

Thursday – July 11

8:00 am – 8:30 am         Continental Breakfast
8:30 am – 8:45 am         Introductions
8:45 am – 9:45 am         Medicare Data Mining and the TP&E Process
9:45 am – 10:00 am        Restroom Break
10:00 am – 11:00 am       Evaluation & Management: Office Visits
11:00 am – 11:30 am       Can I Bill A Visit With That Injection Procedure? (a/k/a Modifier -25)
11:30 am – 12:15 pm       Lunch in Classroom
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm        Clinical Lab Tests and Drugs & Biologics
1:15 pm – 1:30 pm         Restroom Break
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm         Chronic Care Management
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm         Therapy & Rehab Services
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm         Wrap Up

CMS changed how the MACs (Medicare Administrative Contractors) are to conduct probe audits and the criteria used to identify who is chosen. These changes were effective October 1, 2017 and are known as Targeted Probe & Educate (TP&E). The TP&E audit process can be up to 3 rounds of record requests. At round 3, the physician will be referred to CMS for further action. Join us as we help you avoid Round 3!

This 5-hour workshop designed for Physicians, Practice Management and Billing staff will provide both a didactic and hands-on learning experience. First Coast Service Options’ published list of TP&E focus areas include many items and services provided by rheumatologists. Using Medicare’s own tools and checklists, we will take you through the required documentation for office visits, use of modifier -25, drugs and biologics, and clinical laboratory tests. The presenters will also touch on physical therapy and chronic care management for those practices providing these services.

The session will review recent Comparative Billing Reports (CBR), CERT audit results, and OIG focus areas to zero in on the myths and realities of Medicare’s medical review process. One goal of this preconference is to help attendees know what to do when a CBR is received as the approach is dramatically different from what a physician should do when a TP&E or CERT request for records is received. Strategies for making the TP&E process as painless as possible will be discussed. Attendees will be provided with audit tools and checklists they can use in their own practices to help them stay a step ahead of the payers.

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