

CURRICULUM: Evaluation & Management

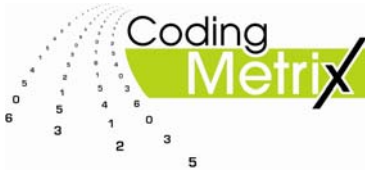
GOAL

The Coding Metrix Evaluation and Management Curriculum is a comprehensive training program designed to prepare users to accurately assign procedure codes for evaluation and management (E/M) services.

ABSTRACT:

The curriculum begins with an Overview course that provides users with an orientation to the Curriculum. This is followed by the Evaluation and Management Principles course, which teaches the fundamental concepts of coding and documentation for E/M services, including procedures for assigning the E/M level based on physician documentation. The other courses in the Curriculum focus on specific types of E/M services, including Physician Office Services, Physician Hospital Services, Preventive Services, and Critical Care and Emergency Services. Each of these courses will review the documentation and coding guidelines for the individual categories of E/M service and will discuss specific reimbursement issues such as coverage restrictions, bundling, modifier use, etc.

All courses use multi-media learning tools, including state-of-the-art graphics, examples, multiple choice exercises, and actual case studies to reinforce the user's learning experience.



COURSE: Evaluation and Management Overview EM0

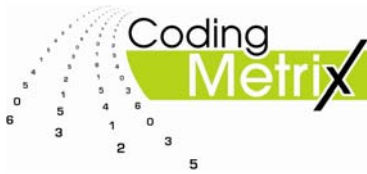
CURRICULUM: E/M

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This course will introduce the user to the concept of evaluation and management services.

ABSTRACT:

This course will provide an orientation to the Coding Metrix E/M Curriculum. The user will also learn how to utilize the navigation tools and other on-line features to take full advantage of on-line training technology.



COURSE: Evaluation and Management Principles, EM1

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This Course teaches participants the basic principles of evaluation and management coding, including key concepts, definitions, and fundamentals of medical documentation.

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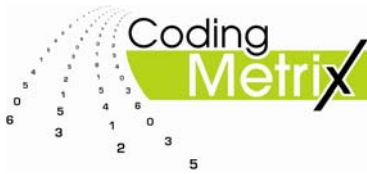
The Evaluation and Management Principles Course is the first Course in the Coding Metrix, Inc. Evaluation and Management Curriculum. This course is designed to familiarize users with the fundamental principles of evaluation and management (E/M) documentation and coding. Participants will learn the definitions of the key and contributory components of the E/M service as well as other important concepts such as encounter time and new versus established patient.

Users will be introduced to the AMA's Documentation Guidelines for Evaluation and Management Services. They will learn how to identify key medical record documentation that supports the E/M level of service. They will also learn the differences between the 1995 and the 1997 versions of the Documentation Guidelines and the implications of these differences for E/M code assignment.

The mechanics of E/M code selection will be reviewed in detail, and users will gain confidence in code assignment through completion of multiple choice exercises and actual case studies (physician reports).

At the end of the Course, the user will complete a scored assessment that tests the key learning points and confirms comprehension.

Upon successful completion of this Course, the user will be ready to begin a more in-depth study of the various E/M service categories, including physician office and hospital services, critical care, etc. These areas are covered in the other Courses of the Evaluation and Management Curriculum.



COURSE: Physician Office Services, EM2

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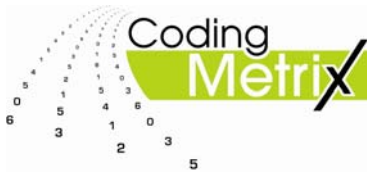
This course is designed to prepare users to assign evaluation and management (E/M) codes for services provided in the physician office, including new patient visits, established patient visits, and office consultations.

ABSTRACT:

Participants will learn key concepts associated with office E/M services, including new patient versus established patient, encounter time, counseling, etc. They will also learn to identify key medical record documentation that is required to support the various categories and levels of office E/M services. Criteria for distinguishing between consultations and office visits will be discussed in detail.

The mechanics of E/M coding for office services will be reviewed in depth, and users will gain confidence in code assignment through completion of multiple choice exercises and actual case studies (physician reports).

At the completion of the Course, the user will complete a scored assessment that tests the key learning points and confirms comprehension.



COURSE: Physician Hospital Services, EM3

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This course prepares participants to accurately assign evaluation and management codes for physician services provided in the hospital setting.

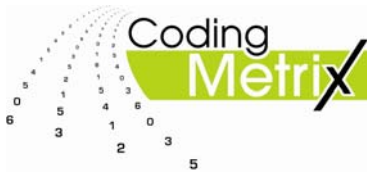
ABSTRACT:

The Evaluation and Management Physician Hospital Services Course is part of the Coding Metrix, Inc. Evaluation and Management Curriculum. This course is designed to prepare users to assign evaluation and management (E/M) codes for services provided in the hospital setting, including initial hospital care, subsequent hospital care, observation care, and hospital discharge day management.

Participants will learn key concepts associated with hospital E/M services, including the distinction between inpatient and observation care, the definition of an interval history, and the guidelines for patients admitted and discharged on the same date. They will also learn to identify key medical record documentation that is required to support the various categories and levels of hospital E/M services.

The mechanics of E/M coding for hospital services will be reviewed in depth, and users will gain confidence in code assignment through completion of multiple choice exercises and actual case studies (physician reports).

At the completion of the Course, the user will complete a scored assessment that tests the key learning points and confirms comprehension.



COURSE: Critical Care and Emergency Services, EM4
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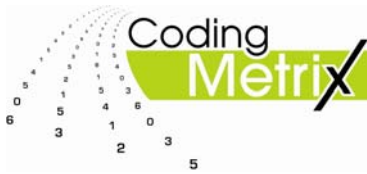
This Course prepares participants to accurately assign evaluation and management codes for services performed in the critical care, emergency department and neonatal intensive care arenas.

ABSTRACT:

The Evaluation and Management Critical Care and Emergency Services Course is a part of the Coding Metrix, Inc. Evaluation and Management Curriculum. This course is designed to prepare users to assign evaluation and management (E/M) codes for services provided in the critical care, emergency department, and neonatal intensive care settings, including emergency department visits, adult critical care, neonatal critical care, and pediatric critical care.

Participants will learn key concepts associated with these services, including the definition of critical illness or injury, age categories for critical care, and services that are included in critical care. They will learn the unique rules for assigning the E/M level in the emergency department, including the definition of a complete past/family/social history for an emergency department service, and the special instructions for a Level 5 emergency department service.

The mechanics of E/M coding for critical care and emergency department services will be reviewed in depth, and users will gain confidence in code assignment through completion of multiple choice exercises and actual case studies (physician reports). At the completion of the Course, the user will complete a scored assessment that tests the key learning points and confirms comprehension..



COURSE: Preventative Medicine Services, EM5

CURRICULUM: E/M

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This Course prepares participants to accurately assign evaluation and management codes for preventive medicine services.

The Evaluation and Management Preventive Services Course is part of the Coding Metrix, Inc. Evaluation and Management Curriculum. This course is designed to prepare users to assign evaluation and management (E/M) codes for preventive services such as well child visits and well adult visits.

ABSTRACT:

Participants will learn key concepts associated with preventive services, including patient age categories and initial versus periodic preventive services. They will also learn to identify key medical record documentation that is required to support the various categories and levels of preventive services. Criteria for distinguishing between a "sick" visit and a preventive visit will also be discussed.

The mechanics of preventive service E/M coding will be reviewed in detail, and users will gain confidence in code assignment through completion of multiple choice exercises and actual case studies (physician reports).

At the completion of the Course, the user will complete a scored assessment that tests the key learning points and confirms comprehension.

The mechanics of preventive service E/M coding will be reviewed in detail, and users will gain confidence in code assignment through completion of multiple choice exercises and actual case studies (physician reports).

At the completion of the Course, the user will complete a scored assessment that tests the key learning points and confirms comprehension.