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PHYSICIAN FEE SCHEDULE FINAL RULE: Answers to commonly asked questions:

1.) What parts of the history can be documented by ancillary staff or the beneficiary starting in CY 2019?

Any part of the chief complaint (CC) or history that is recorded in the medical record by ancillary staff or the beneficiary does not need to be re-documented by the billing practitioner. Instead, the billing practitioner can review the documented information, update or supplement as necessary, and indicate in the medical record that they have done so. This process is optional and applies to CC, HPI, PFSH, or ROS for new or established office/outpatient E/M visits.

2.) How does the MIPS payment adjustment apply to clinicians, especially those who may switch practices during the performance year?

- A MIPS eligible clinician (NPI) who bills to the same TIN in the payment year as they did during the performance period will be assessed the payment adjustment under that TIN/NPI combination according to the final score earned from data submitted/collected under that TIN
- A MIPS eligible clinician (NPI) who bills to a (new) TIN in the payment year that they did NOT bill to during the performance period will be assessed the payment adjustment under that (new) TIN/NPI combination based on the most advantageous final score attributed to that NPI under any TIN/NPI combination for the performance period

3.) Are there any changes to the data completeness requirements for the MIPS Quality performance category in 2019?

No, the data completeness requirements are the same as in Year 2 (2018) even with the update to the submission terminology. Individual clinicians or groups submitting quality measure data on QCDR measures, MIPS CQMs, and eCQMs must submit data on at least 60% of the clinician or group's patients that meet the measure's denominator criteria, regardless of payer. Individual clinicians or groups submitting quality measure data on the Medicare Part B claims measures must submit data on at least 60% of the applicable Medicare Part B patients seen during the performance period.

*Q/A extracted from Medicare Learning Network

MEDI-CAL RETENTION:

As of 1/1/18, a new MediCal regulation goes into effect. The requirement for record retention has been increased to 10 years. Refer to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14124.1; Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 51476 for more details.

HEALTH DATA ACCESS:

Recommendations for improved data access were presented by AMIA and AHIMA at a congressional panel. For more details go to <https://uploads.strikinglycdn.com/files/28753fdf-1479-467b-ac0a-eb9da381dca6/AMIA%20AHIMA%20Recommendations%20to%20Improve%20Patient%20Data%20Access.pdf>

CHIA BYLAWS COMMITTEE:

Kathleen Witte, representing GOCHIA Component Local Association (CLA), joined the CHIA Board and other CLA representatives to discuss updates to the CHIA Bylaws. The main topic of discussion was to review current CHIA Policies & Procedures regarding CLAs.

Committee Deliverables:

1. Ability for Component Local Association(s) to form or dissolve;
2. CLA Rules and Regulations – assist in loosening restrictions relating to a CLA Board of Directors
3. Develop language that supports the use of a slate ballot for CLAs
4. Development of Professional Practice Councils and/or Special Interest Groups
5. Development of a year-round House of Delegates model for CHIA

Upcoming Events:

January 10, 2019 CANCELLED!

Networking and Brand Recognition with Andrea Swenson

January 24, 2019 NEW DATE!

CPT Updates by Judy Holloway

6-7:30pm Wade Education Center, CHOC Children's of Orange

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-cpt-updates-tickets-52645386769>

March 16, 2019

HIM Career Panel Discussion/ Resume and Career Building

Cypress College, venue TBD



***Look for an email from CHIA in
January to cast your vote!!!!***

The 2019 candidates for the CHIA office are:

Present-elect Candidates

Roberta Baranda, MS, RHIA, CHP (SHIA)
Melany Merryman, MSL, RHIA, CRCR (IAHIA)

Director Candidates

Sally Gibbs, RHIA, CCS (SVHIA)
Vickie Skidmore, RHIA, IGP (SHIA)

***Vivian Thomas, RHIA, CHDA, CHPS, CHPQ (GOCHIA)**

Svetlana Woersching, RHIA, CCS, CPC (SDHIA)

AHIMA Delegate Candidates

Liz Duggan Graham, RHIT, CCS (NCHIA)

***Shirley Lewis, DPA, RHIA, CCS, CHC (SCHIA)**



****GOCHIA endorsed***

VIVIAN THOMAS

RHIA CHDA CHPS CPHQ CDIP FOR 2019-2020 CHIA DIRECTOR



HOPING TO JOIN & SERVE in CHIA's LEADERSHIP

COMMITTED TO CHIA's VISION & LEADERSHIP

- CHIA Professional Education Committee
Co-Chair 2016-2018, Member, 2014-2016
- CHIA Legislation & Advocacy Cmte, 2016-2018
- CHIA Awards & Scholarship Cmte Chair, 2015
- CHIA HIM Industry Champion Award 2017
- CDPH PHAME Leadership Award 2018
- AHIMA Privacy & Security Council

Shirley L. Lewis, DPA, RHIA, CCS, CHC Candidate for CHIA AHIMA Delegate



Experience

Health Information Management Consultant ♦ Interim HIM Director LAC+USC Medical Center ♦ HIPAA Privacy Officer ♦ Associate Program Dean, Health Information Technology Program, DeVry University ♦ Director Electronic Health Record (EHR) Implementation, Quadramed ♦ Director of Health Information Management Support Services, East Valley Hospital Medical Center ♦ President/CEO, Wiggley's Billing Coding and Consulting Services, Inc. ♦ Professional Fee/Auditor/Coder/Educator Children's Hospital Orange County

Professional Accomplishments

National: Convention Speaker ♦ My PHR Town Hall Speaker ♦ Volunteer AHIMA Booth AARP Convention ♦ Volunteer other Health Booths. **State:** Past-President CHIA ♦ AHIMA Delegate ♦ Academics Committee Chairperson ♦ California Health Information Association Board – Directors; Member of Convention Committee ♦ Member of Seminars Committee ♦ Member CHIA Alternate Delegate to AHIMA. ♦ Speaker **Local:** Southern California Health Information Association, President ♦ Board Secretary ♦ Chair & Member Public Relations Committee ♦ Member Education Committee ♦ Chair Special Event ♦ Speaker ♦ Advisory Board LaDara Career Paths (Coding Program) ♦ Advisory Board ITT Technical Institute.

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