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#### Turn E/M audits into informative reports that minimize your compliance risk

The government is increasing its scrutiny of physician E/M coding. Conducting your own E/M coding audits is best practice to effectively:

- Analyze complex code assignment options to select the appropriate code
- Assign an appropriate E/M code based on documentation in the record
- Identify opportunities for increased revenue and ways to reduce compliance risks
- Understand the rules and regulations that apply to E/M services billed to Medicare

# *Auditing Evaluation and Management Services* is an essential tool to ensure audit success and E/M compliance. This second edition goes beyond the fundamentals of E/M coding and delves into the gray, problematic compliance areas.

Author **Joe Rivet** delivers step-by-step guidance from beginning to end of the E/M audit process. You'll learn how to:

- Select an E/M code
- Conduct an entire audit of your E/M services
- Report your E/M audit findings

With this foundation, you'll be well prepared to enhance compliance and identify undercoding, underreporting, overcoding, revenue opportunities, and avenues for documentation improvement.

# *Auditing Evaluation and Management Services, Second Edition*, will help practices enhance existing auditing programs by explaining how to determine accurate E/M error rates and assess risk.

#### You will learn how to:

- Determine proper E/M code selection
- Conduct risk assessments
- Structure audits, using the provided E/M audit tool, and package audits
- Create provider audit summary reports, practice audit summary reports, missed revenue reports, and an

action plan

- Follow guidelines for facility E/M services and interpret the rules governing E/M services involving residents or fellows (including acceptable and unacceptable documentation)

- Develop a compliance plan and educate a variety of audiences from physicians to coding staff

#### Take a look at the table of contents

- E/M Code Categories **NEW!**
- Selecting an E/M Code
- Conducting a Risk Assessment
- E/M Audit Structure
- Using an Audit Tool
- Packaging an Audit
- Facility E/M Services NEW!
- Teaching Physician Services NEW!
- Developing a Compliance Plan
- Education Techniques **NEW!**

#### What's new?

New chapters devoted to:

- E/M Code Categories
- Facility E/M Services
- Teaching Physicians
- Education Techniques

#### Who will benefit from this book?

- Auditors and compliance officers in physician practices and hospitals
- Health systems that own physician practices
- Business managers
- Office managers
- Practice administrators
- Coding, billing, and reimbursement managers and staff

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