



Empire Healthcare Consulting

Course Syllabus: Medicare Risk Adjustment Documentation & Coding

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Course Description

The student will learn principles of risk adjustment and accurate diagnosis coding. In addition, there will be discussion of predictive modeling, financial impact of risk adjustment coding, documentation challenges, and diagnosis coding in ICD-10-CM. This course is recommended for anyone who is currently working in risk adjustment or wants to learn risk adjustment coding.

Course Objective

- Define different models of risk adjustment (HCC, CDPS, Hybrid)
- Understand predictive modeling and its impact on risk adjustment
- Explain risk adjustment impact on financial matters
- Apply official coding guidelines
- Identify elements of the medical record
- Identify documentation deficiencies for diagnosis coding
- Understand the most common conditions in risk adjustment and how to properly code in ICD-10-CM

Required Course Resources (included in course)

1) Risk Adjustment Documentation & Coding, 2nd Edition by Sheri Poe Bernard
ISBN-13: 9781640160392

2) ICD-10-CM Coding Manual, 2021

CEUs Awarded: 30 AAPC-All course content must be completed with an overall score of 70% or better in order to be awarded CEUs and a certificate of course completion.

Methods of Evaluation

The passing grade for this course is 70% and will be based on the following:

Chapter Quizzes (8)	20%
Theory	25%
Practical	25%
Case Studies	30%
Mock CRC Exam (not counted towards final grade-but must be completed)-unlimited attempts allowed	

Grading Scale:

A: 90-100

B: 80-89

C: 70-79

D: 60-69 (must repeat course)

F: 0-59 (must repeat course)

This course is asynchronous and can be accessed at any time. Course content can be completed at any speed within a **5-month access window. Additional months can be purchased for \$30/month. Here is the suggested outline for course completion.**

Module1/Week 1	Read Chapter 1: Risk Adjustment Basics Review Power Point Assignment: (1) Complete "Evaluate Your Understanding" at the end of the chapter and check your answers in Appendix C (2) Complete Chapter Quiz
Module 2/Week 2	Read Chapter 2: Common Administrative Errors and Processes Review Power Point Assignment: (1) Complete "Evaluate Your Understanding" at the end of the chapter and check your answers in Appendix C (2) Complete Chapter Quiz
Module 3/Week 3	Read Chapter 3: Clinical Documentation and Coding for Risk Adjustment Review Power Point Assignment: (1) Complete "Evaluate Your Understanding" at the end of the chapter and check your answers in Appendix C (2) Complete Chapter Quiz
Module 4/Week 4	Read Chapter 4-1: Clinical Documentation Integrity & Coding (Topics A-C) Review Power Point Assignment: (1) Complete "Evaluate Your Understanding" at the end of the chapter and check your answers in Appendix C (2) Complete Chapter Quiz

- Module 5/Week 5 Read Chapter 4-2: Clinical Documentation Integrity & Coding (Topics D-M)
Review Power Point
Assignment: (1) Complete “Evaluate Your Understanding” at the end of the
chapter and check your answers in Appendix C
(2) Complete Chapter Quiz
- Module 6/Week 6 Read Chapter 4-3: Clinical Documentation Integrity & Coding (Topics N-P)
Review Power Point
Assignment: (1) Complete “Evaluate Your Understanding” at the end of the
chapter and check your answers in Appendix C
(2) Complete Chapter Quiz
- Module 7/Week 7 Read Chapter 4-4: Clinical Documentation Integrity & Coding (Topics Q-V)
Review Power Point
Assignment: (1) Complete “Evaluate Your Understanding” at the end of the
chapter and check your answers in Appendix C
(2) Complete Chapter Quiz
- Module 8/Week 8 Read Chapter 5: Developing Risk Adjustment Policies
Review Power Point
Assignment: (1) Complete “Evaluate Your Understanding” at the end of the
chapter and check your answers in Appendix C
(2) Complete Chapter Quiz
- Module 9/Week 9 Complete Theory Quiz
Complete Practical Quiz
- Module 10/Week 10 Case Studies (10)
- Module 11/Week 11 CRC Mock Exam