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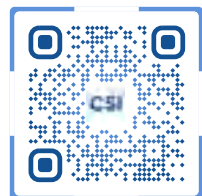
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AAPC is absolutely thrilled to have all of you — either physically or virtually — at HEALTHCON Regional 2022. I truly hope you're as excited as we are to come together, share knowledge, and expand our horizons. It's certain to be an enlightening and enriching few days.

HEALTHCON Regional 2022 is the perfect time to absorb as much insight, advice, and learning as possible. With 35 breakout sessions led by some of the brightest minds in healthcare, I urge you to attend as many as you can. More so, I hope you take part — ask questions, share your own experiences and wisdom, and soak up everything you can.

I also encourage you to spend some time in the exhibit hall. There you can get the latest details on what's new in healthcare — from business solutions to tools helping to streamline the industry. And while you're at it, don't forget to relax and fuel up with conference meals.

Another thing that makes this event so special is the networking opportunities. In between sessions, take the time to pick the brains of industry experts and fellow attendees either in person or in our virtual café. It's the ideal opportunity to expand your professional community and build lasting relationships.

Once again, welcome to HEALTHCON Regional 2022! I hope you leave here feeling invigorated, inspired, and ready to take your organization and/or career to a higher level.

All the best



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# General Information



## HOTEL INFORMATION

Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center  
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Aurora, CO 80019  
Phone: 720-452-6900  
Check in: 4:00 pm | Check out: 11:00 am

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9:00 am - 9:00 pm

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## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

Welcome Reception ..... 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

Breakfast with Exhibitors ..... 7:00 am – 8:00 am  
Lunch with Exhibitors ..... 12:15 pm – 1:30 pm  
Afternoon Break with Exhibitors ..... 2:45 pm – 3:05 pm

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

Breakfast with Exhibitors ..... 7:00 am – 8:00 am

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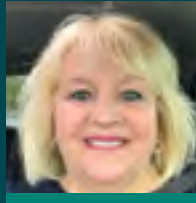
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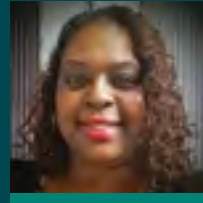
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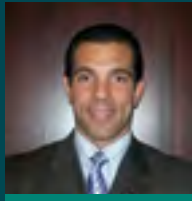
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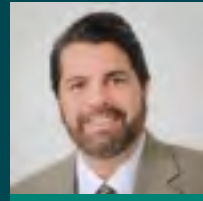
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# Schedule:

## Wednesday, August 3, 2022

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10:00 AM – 11:00 AM | 1 CEU

### CONFERENCE WELCOME

GENERAL SESSION

**Speaker:** Bevan Erickson, AAPC CEO

**ROOM: ADAMS BALLROOM BCD**

**Description:** Join Bevan Erickson, AAPC's CEO, for his State of AAPC address. He will cover exciting new and upcoming developments within your organization, why we're moving in these directions, and how these evolutions will impact your daily life, both inside and outside of work.

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11:00 AM – 12:15 PM | 1.25 CEU

### TELEMEDICINE PANEL

GENERAL SESSION

**Speakers:** Leonta Williams, MBA, RHIA, CPC, CPCO, CRC, CEMC, CHONC; Stephanie Sjogren, COC, CPC, CDEO, CPMA, CPC-I

**ROOM: ADAMS BALLROOM BCD**

**Description:** During this session a panel of experts representing the provider, facility, and payer perspectives will be discussing best practices for navigating the ongoing changes with telemedicine and telehealth regulations. There are so many changes occurring it is difficult to keep up. The panel will answer questions from the audience.

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12:15 PM – 1:30 PM

### LUNCH BREAK

# Breakout Session 1

## 1A: How to Negotiate Payer Contracts Like a Pro!

**Speaker:** Marcia Brauchler, MPH, FACMPE, CPHQ, CPC, COC, CPC-I

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 9**

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**Description:** What are your peers doing with their payer contracts? Walk through successful real-world contract negotiations from real-life practices. Learn to advocate for your practice using proven techniques from a veteran contract negotiator. Most physician practices focus on cutting expenses instead of improving revenue to the practice from non-governmental payers. A little focused effort on negotiating payer contracts can create much needed revenue for your practice.

## 1B: Coding Wound Repairs

**Speaker:** Corrie Alvarez, CPC, CPMA, CRC, CPC-I, CEDC, CEMC

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 8**

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**Description:** We will review and discuss correct coding for wound repairs using various surgical techniques from simple to complex. We will explore the differences between W-, Y-, and Z-plasty repair techniques.

The discussion will also include adjacent tissue transfers and skin flaps.

## 1C: Is Inpatient Cardiology Giving You Chest Pains?

**Speaker:** Amy Pritchett, CPC, CDEO, CPMA, CRC, CPC-I, CANPC, CASCC, CEDC, AAPC Fellow

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 10-11**

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**Description:** During this session, we will delve into assigning ICD-10-PCS codes for cardiology procedures in the inpatient facility. We will also discuss clinical documentation and utilization review. The presentation will take the attendee from the OR to discharge and discuss revenue cycle management. We will also discuss how MCC and CC capture affects MS-DRG assignment.

## 1D: Compliance Risks in the EMR

**Speakers:** Sandy Giangreco Brown, COC, CPC, CPCO, and Kimberly Garner Huey, COC, CPC, CPCO

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 6-7**

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**Description:** Due to the push for healthcare providers to document in

an electronic medical record (EMR) and establish EMR interoperability, practitioners may be creating new compliance risks. In this session, we'll look at how copying and pasting documentation from encounter to encounter cannot only cause confusion for other providers but also compromise patient care.

## 1E: Climbing the Rocky Mountain to a Level 5 Encounter

**Speaker:** Jaci Kipreos, COC, CPC, CDEO, CPMA, CRC, CPC-I, CEMC

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 4-5**

**Description:** In this session we will discuss what it takes to achieve that

prized peak of E/M services: CPT® 99205 or 99215. All sentences in this description should have a single space after each sentence, not a double space. The 2021 guidelines have specific definitions for the three parts of medical decision making, and we will look at documentation examples from each to determine support of level 5. In addition, we will consider how time-based coding may support level 5. This should be a fun, interactive session, so bring your questions and your thoughts on how to climb to the top of the level!

**2:45 PM – 3:05 PM**

### BREAK

Take some time to stretch and refresh your water before you go to your next session room.

## Conference Notes

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## Breakout Session 2

### 2A: Fundamentals of Credentialing

**Speaker:** Stephanie Thebargé, CPC, CPB, CPMA, CPPM, CEMC, CHONC

#### ROOM: COTTONWOOD 8

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**Description:** Credentialing a new provider can seem like a daunting task, but anyone can master it with the right tools and workflows. In this session, we will break down the fundamentals of credentialing: What is it and why do it; best practices; payer requirements; and how the role of credentialing specialist has evolved.

### 2B: E/M Documentation and Coding for Orthopedics

**Speaker:** Jennifer McNamara, CPC, CPMA, CRC, CPC-I, CGSC, COPC, CCS

#### ROOM: COTTONWOOD 9

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**Description:** In this session, we dig deep into the world of orthopedic evaluation and management (E/M) services. We will review the basics of the 2021 guidelines and delve into

each area with a specific focus on orthopedic conditions, common data points, and areas of risk. Examples and documentation tips for physicians included!

### 2C: ABCs of Ambulatory Surgery Centers

**Speaker:** Amy Pritchett, CPC, CDEO, CPMA, CRC, CPC-I, CANPC, CASCC, CEDC, AAPC Fellow

#### ROOM: COTTONWOOD 10-11

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**Description:** During this session, we will delve into the complicated world of ambulatory surgery center (ASC) coding and billing. Learn from the history to the daily functions of an ASC, from front desk to billing for procedures. You'll get an extensive look at billing practices and documentation requirements. At the end of the presentation, there will be an interactive coding simulation and a question/answer period.



## 2D: Program Integrity Audits and the Special Investigation Unit

**Speaker:** Elizabeth Deak, CPC, CPMA

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 4-5**

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**Description:** The program integrity unit serves to detect and prevent fraud, waste and abuse (FWA). It is the responsibility delegated to the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) to review provider activities, issue audit requests, identify overpayments, and educate providers. In recent years, with mandates to proactively detect FWA, these audits are increasing. This session will delve into data analytics used to identify and trigger an audit request, how to respond to the request, and how to implement post audit findings in the provider office.

## 2E: E/M Auditing – What Does It Really Mean?

**Speaker:** Brenda Edwards, CPC, CDEO, CPB, CPMA, CPC-I, CEMC, CRC, CPMS, CMRS, CMCS

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 6-7**

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**Description:** 2021 brought changes in how we audit physician office evaluation and management (E/M) services. In this session, we'll look

at clinical documentation and how it holds up under the new 2021 E/M guidelines. We'll discuss some of the areas that have proven to be tricky or maybe that we need to think about a little differently. Come prepared to interact and have a good time!

**4:30 PM – 6:30 PM**

### WELCOME RECEPTION WITH EXHIBITORS

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# Schedule:

## Thursday, August 4, 2022

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7:00 AM – 8:00AM

### BREAKFAST WITH EXHIBITORS

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8:00 AM – 9:15 AM | 1.25 CEU

### E/M PANEL

GENERAL SESSION

**Speakers:** Raemarie Jimenez, CPC, CDEO, CIC, CPB, CPMA, CPPM, CPC-I, CANPC, CRHC; Samuel Le Church MD, MPH, CPC, CRC, CPC-I

**ROOM: ADAMS BALLROOM BCD**

**Description:** During this session, an expert panel made up of a physician, coder, auditor, and representative from the AMA will answer audience questions regarding the 2021 E/M guidelines for office visits.

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9:30 AM – 10:45 AM | 1.25 CEU

### DIAGNOSIS CODING INSIGHTS FROM THE EXPERTS PANEL

GENERAL SESSION

**Speakers:** Marianne Durling, MHA, RHIA, CCS, CDIP, CPC, CPCO, CDEI, CIC, AAPC Approved Instructor; Jaci Kipreos, COC, CPC, CDEO, CPMA, CRC, CPC-I, CEMC; Leonta Williams, MBA, RHIA, CPC, CPCO, CRC, CEMC, CHONC; Colleen Gianatasio, CPC, CPCO, CPC-P, CDEO, CPMA, CPPM, CRC, CPC-I

**ROOM: ADAMS BALLROOM BCD**

**Description:** Led by a panel of experts from various backgrounds, this discussion offers perspective into the often blurred lines of the proper rules surrounding diagnosis coding for professional fee coding, risk adjustment coding, and facility coding. The panel will review hospital inpatient medical records and compare what diagnosis codes would be acceptable/reportable based on the focus of the billing: the provider, facility, or risk adjustment.

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## Breakout Session 3

### 3A: Physician Cost Efficiency in the MIPS Environment

**Speaker:** James Kennedy, MD, CCS, CCDS, CDIP

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 9**

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**Description:** Physicians electing for CMS' Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) will experience +/-9% impact in their traditional Medicare reimbursement based on their performance, 30% of which is derived from cost efficiency. In this session, we'll review inpatient and outpatient episode models, including screening colonoscopies, cataract surgery, knee and hip replacements, and many others that are being assessed; emergency physician encounters (99281-85) that will be implemented in 2024; and CMS' impending changes to the inpatient and ED E/M leveling guidelines, all of which make your job more important than ever.

### 3B: Cardiovascular Pathophysiology Diagnostics and Therapeutic Procedures

**Speaker:** Tyler Griffeth, MOL, CPC, CPR

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 8**

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**Description:** Do you want to be able to understand the disease processes behind the procedures and diagnoses that you are coding? Come with the expectation that you will learn about some of the deadliest disease processes currently afflicting humankind and the near miraculous things that our cardiothoracic surgeons do to treat them. How to code for these procedures and relevant national coding guidelines will be layered into this dynamic and fascinating presentation. CPT® and ICD coding instruction will also be included.

## 3C: Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Coding for Professional and Facility Fees

**Speaker:** Jarrod Dyck, CPC

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 10-11**

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**Description:** This session provides a detailed overview of the wound healing and hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) specialty. We'll cover both professional and outpatient facility coding methods and all relevant CPT®, HCPCS Level II, and ICD-10-CM codes. Included is a PowerPoint presentation, videos, and a packet of basic to advanced exercises for participants to work through during the session.

## 3D: Risk Adjustment, a Focus Review for Coders, and Clinical Documentation Improvement

**Speaker:** Barbara Shaw, CPC, CPCO, CDEO, CRC, CEDC

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 6-7**

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**Description:** This session will cover risk adjustment auditing and clinical documentation improvement (CDI), and how shared collaboration and reporting can be used to help not only the coder, auditor, and CDI specialist, but most importantly the provider.

We will review hierarchical condition categories (HCCs) with information and tips on improving documentation. We will also review actual coding scenarios for you to apply what you have learned.

## 3E: Looking Back: Comparing Providers' Documentation Response to the 2021 E/M Guidelines

**Speaker:** Jacob Swartzwelder, CPC, CRC

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 4-5**

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**Description:** Attendees will walk through a documentation comparison of providers who embraced the 2021 E/M guidelines and those who didn't. We will explore documentation examples that highlight provider comprehension of changes and discuss auditing pitfalls and provider education best practices.

**12:15 PM – 1:30 PM**

### LUNCH WITH EXHIBITORS

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## Breakout Session 4

### 4A: Crucial Conversations

**Speaker:** MariaRita Genovese, CPC

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 8**

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**Description:** Tough conversations are a reality of leadership. Know how to prepare so you will be in the right frame of mind to address the real issues at hand. Consider the importance of dialogue — the free flow of meaning between people — so everyone talks openly and honestly with each other. Grasp how to set up conditions to talk about almost anything.

### 4B: Anesthesia Coding, Billing & Documentation Nuances

**Speaker:** Kristen Taylor, CPC

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 10-11**

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**Description:** This session will differentiate anesthesia procedures including modifiers, concurrency, and medical direction based on

who is performing the service. You will learn of interactions between anesthesiologist and CRNA throughout anesthesia procedure, and gain clarification of different anesthesia modifiers and how to determine the correct one. We will also discuss chart documentation related to billing.

### 4C: Coding and Billing for Rural Health Clinics and Community Health Centers

**Speaker:** Gary Lucas

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 9**

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**Description:** RHCs and FQHCs have distinctly different rules related to professional coding and medical billing. Billing Medicare/Medicaid plans via per diem payments is drastically different than billing fee-for-service. Developing a shared platform of knowledge between providers, managers, and coders/billers is key to maximizing reimbursement and merging clinical and business goals.

## 4D: Compliance Challenges with Non-physician Practitioners

**Speakers:** Sandy Giangreco Brown, COC, CPC, CPCO; Kimberly Garner Huey, COC, CPC, CPCO

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 4-5**

**Description:** Practices and hospitals are employing more advanced practice providers to meet the growing healthcare needs, but they often do not understand the coding, billing, and supervision requirements. This session will cover the Medicare guidelines related to services provided in different settings, billing requirements, and other considerations.

## 4E: E/M Office and Other Outpatient Guidelines – Risk Associated with Coding for Time

**Speaker:** Raemarie Jimenez, CPC, CDEO, CIC, CPB, CPMA, CPPM, CPC-I, CANPC, CRHC

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 6-7**

**Description:** In this session, we will discuss compliance risks associated

with the E/M time guidelines for office and outpatient services. We will discuss best practices for implementing time-based coding.

**2:45 PM – 3:05 PM**

### AFTERNOON BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

Take this chance to see a demo with one of our exhibitors. Learn about their products and services.

Also take some time to stretch and refresh your water before you go to your next session room.

## Breakout Session 5

### 5A: ICD-10-CM Sequencing: The Right Way

**Speaker:** Sharon Oliver, CPC, CDEO, CPMA, CRC, AAPC Approved Instructor

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 6-7**

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**Description:** Sequencing ICD-10-CM codes has always been problematic for novice coders, but it must be mastered to understand its proper use in our everyday work. Many claim denials are due to improper sequencing, which leads to CPT® codes being linked to an incorrect diagnosis pointer. Even with electronic billing software, if the ICD-10-CM Alphabetic Index and Tabular List are not adhered to correctly, a clean claim will not be submitted, causing non-payment or improper payment rightfully due to the provider or facility. This presentation is designed to provide awareness of the guidelines and how the respective diagnosis code is used.

### 5B: Controversies and Hot Topics in Otolaryngology Coding

**Speaker:** Lawrence Simon, MD

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 9**

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**Description:** This session will provide an advanced review of hot coding topics in otolaryngology coding. The course will focus on proper code selection from surgical documentation and will cover new codes, code revisions, and current coding controversies. Sample topics include surgical nasal endoscopy, bone anchored hearing aids, and hypoglossal nerve stimulation.

### 5C: Resident vs. Student Documentation

**Speaker:** Christopher Chandler, MHA, MBA, CPC, CGSC

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 8**

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**Description:** There have been regular changes to CMS documentation requirements for residents, interns, fellows, and students. This presentation will cover those changes, the latest guidelines, and how to audit recent and older encounters.

## 5D: Considerations in Clinical Pathology Auditing

**Speaker:** Rita Brozewicz, CPC, CPMA, CRC

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 10-11**

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**Description:** We'll review coding guidelines (including MUE, frequently used modifiers, unbundling, proprietary codes, Category III temporary codes, and use of unlisted codes). We'll also review frequent areas of FWA (toxicology, COVID, and genetics) and data mining to find potential FWA. Types of laboratory certifications, the Clinical Lab Fee Schedule, and documentation requirements will also be covered.

## 5E: Counting of Data

**Speaker:** Leonta Williams, MBA, RHIA, CPC, CPCO, CRC, CEMC, CHONC, CCS, CCDS

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 4-5**

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**Description:** We are now more than one year into the 2021 E/M Documentation Guidelines for Office or Other Outpatient Services. Even with the time lapse, there are still some pressing questions and remaining ambiguity for assigning data points for MDM. Join us as we discuss some of these pain points: Does my test include interpretation? When should I assign credit for a lab order or review? What

happens if the review takes place on a different date from the encounter? How much weight should I really give to the "Data" MDM element if my other two categories are minimal or low risk? Get answers to your questions by fully understanding all the definitions around "Data," and how to communicate these definitions to providers.

**6:30 PM – 9:30 PM**

## AFTER-HOURS EVENT

COLORFUL COLORADO  
CELEBRATION – 70s THEMED  
DINNER PARTY

**ROOM: JUNIPER BALLROOM**

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**Description:** Dig it — here's the lowdown on a party. Here's what's happenin'. We're throwin' a radical after-hours bash — a '70s-themed Colorful Colorado Celebration of cool threads, groovy tunes, and serious boogieing. Bust out your slickest '70s threads and book it over to the Juniper Ballroom. Party tickets are just \$100. Come dig the dinner and drinks. Boogie down at the dance party disco. No bellbottoms in your closet? That's cool, just bring yourself and feel the groove. You might even snag some cool prizes! It'll be a major downer if we don't see you. Come join the revolution! Well, okay, it's just a party — but still, join us. Catch you on the flipside!



# Schedule:

## Friday, August 5, 2022

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

**BREAKFAST WITH EXHIBITORS**

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM | 1.25 CEU

**E/M LESSONS LEARNED**

GENERAL SESSION

**Speaker:** Raemarie Jimenez, CPC, CDEO, CIC, CPB, CPMA, CPPM, CPC-I, CANPC, CRHC

**ROOM: ADAMS BALLROOM BCD**

**Description:** In this session we will discuss best practices for documentation improvement to support the 2021 E/M guidelines for office and other outpatient services and changes going into effect in 2023.

9:15 AM – 9:30 AM

**BREAK**

Take some time to stretch, refresh your water and go to your next session room.

## Breakout Session 6

### 6A: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Awareness in the Medical Field

**Speaker:** L. Renee Bradley

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 9**

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**Description:** While there has been a recent focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) throughout a variety of industries, understanding the impact on healthcare organizations becomes extremely important in improving health outcomes and quality of life for patients. DEI initiatives implemented throughout multiple areas of the healthcare field are a must and help improve the patient and family experience in outpatient and inpatient settings.

### 6B: The Future of Reimbursement: Risk Adjustment

**Speaker:** Christine Hall, CPC, CPB, CPMA, CRC, CPC-I, CHC

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 4-5**

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**Description:** We will clarify what a risk adjustment model is and define and explain how a patient's risk score is calculated. We will review

CMS' risk adjustment data validation (RADV) requirements and analyze a few real-life examples. By the end of the presentation you will understand value-based payment models, risk adjustment factors, HCC supporting documentation, and how to conduct a RADV audit.

### 6C: Stereotactic Procedures for Diagnosis of Intracranial Lesions

**Speaker:** Oby Egbunike, COC, CPC, CRC, AAPC Approved Instructor

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 10-11**

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**Description:** Intracranial lesions are brain lesions or tissues that have been damaged through an injury or disease. Excising a small piece of the lesion and studying it under a microscope will assist the surgeon to determine the exact nature of the lesion, its cause, and the treatment option. In this session, you will learn how to properly code these services.

## 6D: Recent Healthcare Enforcement Activities and Fraud Trends

**Speakers:** Tony Maffei and Kenny Barrett

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 8**

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**Description:** Special Agents Kenny Barrett and Tony Maffei will summarize recent federal law enforcement activities and successful prosecutions from OIG's investigative and enforcement efforts on opioid fraud and diversion matters in the Appalachian region. They'll also discuss current fraud trends and schemes in the areas of pharmacy and diagnostic testing.

## 6E: Don't Make My Mistakes

**Speaker:** Jaci Kipreos, CPC, CPMA, CDEO, CEMC, CRC, COC, CPC-I

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 6-7**

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**Description:** In this session, experiences from audits gone awry or looking back to find a better way are discussed. This is an opportunity to note best practices that make for complete, compliant audits with fewer problems and setbacks along the way. We will also discuss when to say "no" to an audit.

**10:45 AM – 11:05 AM**

### BREAK

Take some time to stretch and refresh your water before you go to your next session room.

# Conference Notes

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## Breakout Session 7

### 7A: Take Your Career From All Right to Dynamite with Networking

**Speaker:** Kaitlyn Brack, BDHIM, CPC, CEMC, CFPC, CPEDC, AAPC Approved Instructor

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 9**

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**Description:** By the end of this interactive presentation, members will have the ability to define networking, understand its importance, know how to build and maintain a network. Come take away expert-level networking tips you can add to your tool belt!

### 7B: Ain't Nothin' but a Gastro Thang

**Speaker:** Jessica Miller-Dobbs, CPC, CPC-P, CGIC

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 10-11**

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**Description:** We will discuss advance coding challenges in all areas, from butts to guts. Procedures will be colonoscopy, EUS, EGD, POEM, and ERCPs. We will discuss payer issues and the documentation needed to support medical necessity. We will discuss some of the billing errors, CCI edits, and proper modifier use, along

with LCD/NCDs applicable to this specialty. We will also cover the billing issues with colonoscopy screenings and discuss pre-visit screening. This session covers both adult and pediatric coding.

### 7C: Conquer the Rocky Mountain of Hospital High Risk Areas

**Speaker:** Marianne Durling, MHA, RHIA, CCS, CDIP, CPC, CPCO, CDEI, CIC, AAPC Approved Instructor

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 4-5**

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**Description:** This session will review all the various areas of high risk for hospitals. This will cover both inpatient and outpatient facilities. We will review risk areas for coding, billing, regulatory, and privacy. We will look through the lens of staff, administration, compliance, and outside auditors as we examine some common and uncommon risks areas. Protect yourself and your facility by being aware of the pitfalls and requirements.

## 7D: Getting ROI Out of Your Chart Audit

**Speaker:** Shannon DeConda, CPC, CPMA, CPC-I, CEMC

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 8**

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**Description:** Make your time and budget spent on chart audits worthwhile! Internal audits should NOT be a mere to-do item on your compliance checklist. Reviews should be geared toward effective and compliant use of coding based on the note as documented. Equally important is purposeful feedback. Only then does the session become purposeful, and real change occur in your organization. Your reports will no longer merely state, “The documentation supports the service as billed” after this session.

## 7E: Think Like an MD When Auditing with 2021 E/M Coding Guidelines

**Speaker:** CJ Wolf, MD, M.Ed, CPC, COC

**ROOM: COTTONWOOD 6-7**

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**Description:** How does a presenting risk or condition differ from management and diagnosis? What are physicians thinking and how

should they document their thought process? How does a physician think of morbidity? How does this and other concepts relate to terms and categories found in the MDM table from the guidelines? Ask your questions of the presenter, who is a physician, certified coder, certified compliance professional, and certified auditor. Submit some of your questions ahead of time by emailing them to the presenter at [info@compliancereality.com](mailto:info@compliancereality.com). Frequently asked questions will be addressed during the presentation.

**12:30 PM - 1:30 PM | 1 CEU**

## CLOSING GENERAL SESSION LUNCH

**Speaker:** AAPC Staff

**ROOM: ADAMS BALLROOM BCD**

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**Description:** Join us to network with attendees on your last day of conference! This session DOES have a CEU and we'll be giving away amazing prizes for our challenge and networking winners, as well as doing some fun end of conference trivia where anyone can be a winner. This is a session you won't want to miss!

# Conference Exhibitors



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