Sixty-Second Compliance Check-up

Guidelines, rules and regulations are an ever moving target and seem to be frequently changing. Take our Sixty-second Compliance Checkup to find your compliance pulse and test your compliance knowledge!

For this month’s challenge, the focus will be Teaching Physician (TP) Regulations:

1. Which one of the following is NOT required for a teaching physician (TP) to claim reimbursement for clinical services?
   a.) The patient must require the care (medical necessity)
   b.) The plan must cover resident services
   c.) TP must be present for the key portions of the face to face care of the patient
   d.) TP must personally document his or her presence and participation in the service by addressing the appropriate key portions of the service.

2. When the TP (surgeon) is present for the key portions of the procedure, the TP must personally document his or her presence. (TRUE or FALSE)

3. The only medical student documentation a teaching physician may reference in his documentation that counts for billing is the _____of ______ and the ___, ___and ____history. (FILL IN THE BLANKS)

4. When billing time-based codes, such as critical care and counseling and coordination of care only the teaching physician time may be counted. (TRUE or FALSE)

5. In order to bill for procedures performed through an endoscope, the TP must be present during the entire viewing. Which of the following defines the entire viewing?
   a.) Insertion of device
   b.) Removal of the device
   c.) Registration of the patient through discharge
   d.) A and B

6. Which of the following teaching physician documentation examples do the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) note as UNACCEPTABLE in bridging resident notes:
   a.) Agree with above
   b.) Discussed with resident. Agree
   c.) Patient seen and evaluated
   d.) Co-signatures only
   e.) All of the above

Answers:
1. b
2. True
3. Review of Systems and Past, Family and Social History (PFSH)
4. True
5. d
6. e

References

Please see the following page for more Compliance Education Opportunities

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Compliance Academy
Schedule of Classes
June 2011

2011 Annual Compliance Update – registration not required
(mandatory completion by 12/31/11)

June 15 7:30 – 8:30 am Anesthesiology Grand Rounds LRC Room 112-113
June 17 1:30 – 2:30 pm University Club Tower Suite 1120
June 21 12:00 – 1:00 pm Hussmann Conference Room Cardinal Glennon Hospital First Floor

Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA) General Session- registration not required

June 9 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Compliance Academy Classroom Room M229H Schwita Hall

Reminder:
Please contact the Compliance Department at 977-5545 to schedule a mandatory individual compliance education session for all new faculty and clinical providers that bill for services.

Please see next month’s Compliance E-Newsletter for more Compliance Education Dates