Compliance Newsletter

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Compliance Hotline

Type:

http://157.21.29.163/Compliance/

and click on Hotline.

EVMS Medical Group Compliance concerns may also be sent to the EVMS Medical Group Compliance Office via phone, mail or e-mail.

Open Payments Program Reminder

The Open Payments Program, which was made final in 2014 as a requirement of the Affordable Care Act, is a reporting mechanism with information about drug or medical device company relationships with physicians. Drug and/or medical device companies report any relationships with physicians to CMS, and CMS allows a review period for physicians before making that information public. 2016 reported data will be published on June 30, 2017 and **physicians have until May 15th to review and dispute this information if necessary**.

In order to review the data, the physician must first be registered in Open Payments. The physician's NPI number, DEA number, and State license number will be required in order to register if this has not yet been done. The registration system can be found in the CMS portal at the link below:

https://portal.cms.gov

CMS also offers a Help Desk for Open Payments that can be reached at openpayments@evms.hhs.gov or at 1-855-326-8366 during regular business hours.

Task Documentation

Tasks in Allscripts which are related to specific patients are part of that patient's legal medical record. When sending patient-related tasks, all communications should be professional and appropriate as they will be forever integrated in the patient's chart. Any communications that are not appropriate for the chart or unrelated to a specific patient should be documented in a non-patient-related task or sent via email or another secure means of communication. Patient-related tasks that are part of the medical record can be requested for

viewing by the patient, other entities with authorized access, as well as when requested by subpoena or court order. Please keep this in mind when utilizing the task function in the EHR.

HCC Coding Education Resource

Beginning in December of 2016, Sentara Medical Group has begun developing HCC (Hierarchical Condition Category) coding courses. They have been kind enough to share these courses free of charge for all MDoffice users. The following courses are available at this time, and additional courses will be released throughout the year:

HCC Coding Series - Introduction
12/31/2016 - 12/31/2019
    Objective: Introduction to HCC diagnosis coding and documentation
    Instructor: CBT
    Coordinator: Dr. Christine Stopyra
    Launch the Training

HCC Coding Series – Diabetes Mellitus
1/31/2017 - 12/31/2019
    Objective: Review HCC diagnosis coding and documentation concepts related to Diabetes Mellitus
    Instructor: CBT
    Coordinator: Dr. Christine Stopyra
    Launch the Training

HCC Coding Series – Cardiovascular Disease
2/28/2017 - 12/31/2019
    Objective: Review HCC diagnosis coding and documentation concepts related to Cardiovascular Disease
    Instructor: CBT
    Coordinator: Dr. Christine Stopyra
    Launch the Training

HCC Coding Series - Pulmonary Disease
3/31/2017 8:00 PM - 6:59 PM
    Objective: Review HCC diagnosis coding and documentation concepts related to Pulmonary Disease
    Instructor: CBT
    Coordinator: Dr. Christine Stopyra
    Launch the Training

To access the training, visit the MDoffice homepage and locate the "Education and Training" section below the banner. Courses are offered on both tabs and you may need to click "view more" in order to locate the HCC offerings. Please feel free to share this information with relevant staff and providers as this is a wonderful resource that has been made available to us.

e-PHI Security Tip

Many breaches of PHI result from faxing information to the wrong location. Having fax numbers stored in the EHR makes it easier to become complacent about verifying numbers before sending a fax. When possible, please be diligent about confirming fax numbers and also checking the queue in the system to ensure that faxes have not failed to send repeatedly.

Lunch Discussion Session May

Topic: Billing & Coding Forum

Who Should Attend: Providers or staff who would like a refresher on common billing and coding topics, including E/M services.

Date and Location:
Thursday, May 18th, 12-1:00 pm in HH 757

Please RSVP to Laura Brower at browerl@evms.edu or 451-6202 and feel free to bring your lunch!