

BOOK REVIEWS

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Complete guide to part B billing and compliance
Reston, Va; 1998; St Anthony's; \$199.00.

The fraud and abuse enforcement environment has become far more of a threat than ever in the history of the Medicare program. The billing methods for your services with these regulations are more complex today than ever before, and the risk of error is greater as a result. It is more important than ever to have a complete understanding of the Medicare regulations to assure your billing practice is in compliance with the existing regulations.

St Anthony's "Complete guide to part B billing and compliance" provides a thorough explanation of all aspects of the Medicare part B program. It is complete and addresses such issues as HCFA regulations, how to bill for services under the Medicare program, the requirements of an HCFA 1500 billing form, how to challenge denied services by Medicare, and many other issues.

The initial section of this manual addresses the history of fraud and abuse legislation and current and future initiatives set forth by the federal government. In addition, it provides guidance on how to establish a compliance program and how to develop an internal audit process for monitoring compliance with Medicare regulations.

After the introduction to the laws, there is a directory of policies and current regulations to be followed when coding and billing for services. Each of the policies addressed are categorized in alphabetical order to allow the reader to use this section as a future reference. There is instant and easy access to information, including fraud initiatives associated with each of the policies discussed. There is a complete list of references at the end of each discussion that can be used for those occasions when you may want additional information regarding the issue or you would like to review the original documentation provided by Medicare. St Anthony's also has included publication software that can be used to set up an internal audit process that will assist with monitoring accuracy of billing. In addition, this software will assist in identifying those areas that may need additional training to ensure compliance.

This is a generally complete manual for use by all who bill professional services to Medicare part B. Those associated with hospitals and academic institutions must be sure to read the directory of specific services, especially as it relates to nonphysician services, along with the sections on "incident to" services and "teaching physicians" before applying any of the rules associated with nonphysician services (ie, physician assistants, nurse, technicians). Individual relationships with hospitals may alter the methods of billing for the nonphysician services with the Medicare program.

St Anthony's "Complete guide to part B billing and compliance," is thorough in addressing the various aspects of the

Medicare part B program but might be nicely supplemented with the "Non-Physician Practitioner Reimbursement Handbook" published by part B News, which addresses the issues of nonphysician billing in thorough detail.

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Management of hypertension, 7th ed
Norman Kaplan; Dallas; 1998; EMIS, Inc; 236 pages.

"Management of hypertension" is one of those small paperback books that are most likely to be found stuffed in the overflowing white coat pockets of medical students and residents. It includes a series of short chapters that contain numerous summary tables and diagrams, along with a handy center index that makes it easy to find any particular subject of interest. The fact that this book is now in a 7th edition is ample testimony to its popularity.

Although hypertension is recognized as one of the most prevalent and significant risk factors for cardiovascular disease, the management of hypertension is a rapidly changing field. Even the definition of clinical hypertension has been revised in recent years. Although the threshold for hypertension has traditionally been 140/90 mm Hg, the 1997 Joint National Committee recommended that a blood pressure of less than 130/85 mm Hg be considered normal. Fortunately, therapeutic decisions for patients with hypertension can now be made on the basis of solid data from a growing list of randomized clinical trials. However, it is a daunting task for any physician, especially those of us whose primary focus is not on hypertension, to keep up with the massive amount of literature on this topic. These circumstances have clearly created an ongoing need for this book.

The overall scope of material is impressive. Blood pressure management, types of hypertension, and diagnostic considerations are covered in the initial chapters. After a brief discussion of nondrug therapy for hypertension, the largest portion of the book is devoted to pharmacologic management, organized according to mechanism of drug action. Several summary chapters then outline general and specific approaches to therapy with single and multiple drugs. The book concludes with a series of chapters on the side effects of drug therapy, resistant hypertension, hypertensive crises, and special patients with hypertension. The latter group includes children, the elderly, and patients with diabetes, dyslipidemias, renal insufficiency, and cardiac or cerebrovascular disease. There is even a self-assessment quiz at the end of the book that, for a small fee, can be used to earn 5 category I CME credits through the University of Texas at Dallas.

That's why we created the Complete Guide to Physical Therapy Billing, a comprehensive resource to help you get your billing processes in tip-top shape. Simply enter your email address below, and we'll send it your way. Email Required Invalid Email. By contrast, therapists who practice in facilities and clinics that bill under Medicare Part B cannot bill separately for the same or different service provided to the same patient at the same time. That means therapists must limit total billing time to the exact length of the session. In other words, the therapist of one discipline may bill for the entire service or the co-treating therapists of different disciplines may divide the service units. Location of Repository. Complete guide to part B billing and compliance. By Bobbie Clawso. Get PDF (117 KB). Downloaded from file:///data/core-remote/dit/data/elsevier/pdf/a75/aHR0cDovL2FwaS5lbHNldmllci5jb20vY29udGVudC9hcnRpY2xlL3BpaS9zMDc0MTUyMTQ5ODcwMTE4MQ==.pdf. Suggested articles. To submit an update or takedown request for this paper, please submit an Update/Correction/Removal Request. 2. Compliance starts at the top. It will be most effective in a corporate culture that emphasises standards of honesty and integrity and in which the board of directors and senior management lead by example. It concerns everyone within the bank and should be viewed as an integral part of the bank's business activities. A bank should hold itself to high standards when carrying on business, and at all times strive to observe the spirit as well as the letter of the law. Failure to consider the impact of its actions on its shareholders, customers, employees and the markets may result in significant The Complete Guide to by Sheila Parvis. Other editions. Want to Read saving Error rating book. Refresh and try again. Rate this book. Clear rating. See a Problem? We'd love your help. Let us know what's wrong with this preview of The Complete Guide to Part B Billing and Compliance by Sheila Parvis. Problem: It's the wrong book It's the wrong edition Other.