

ICD- 9 Diagnosis Coding

Medical necessity is required for virtually every claim to a third party payer and ICD-9 is the coding system that documents the medical necessity. Participants will learn how to look up codes for diagnoses, signs & symptoms, ill-defined conditions and health status codes (V-Codes). Participants will learn the proper sequencing of codes, the specificity of each code and coding conventions used in volumes 1 and 2 of ICD-9. This program is designed Physicians, office managers, front desk staff, clinical staff, new employees in any position. Refresher for experienced billing and insurance staff and starter for inexperienced billing and insurance staff. All staff working in a physician's office will benefit from a basic understanding of this coding system.

This Practice Management Webconference is just \$99 for Members & their Practices:

- | = A 90-minute live Webconference including a formal presentation and time for Q&A
- | = The course is given once as a live Webconference, on Wednesday March 26, 2008 (convenient for your staff) and then via streaming Internet technologies shortly thereafter. Your \$99 registration fee covers either one or both presentations and handout materials.
- | = The ability for ACS Fellows and practice managers to e-mail follow-up questions to Economedix Practice Management Advisors for personalized responses



Course Objectives - Completion of this Practice Management Course will provide:

1. Understand the proper use of the various sections of ICD-9-CM;
2. Identify and locate a diagnosis code from the index (Volume 2);
3. Properly assign complete codes from the Tabular list (Volume 1);
4. Properly sequence codes for submission to third party payers; and
5. Identify ICD-9-CM codes from descriptive medical records using the tabular list of codes including V- & E- codes

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Accreditation - The American College of Surgeons is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education to physicians.

Credits - The American College of Surgeons designates this educational activity for a maximum of 1.5 category 1 credits toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each physician should claim only those credits that he/she actually spent in the educational activity. PAHCOM has pre-approved this educational activity for 1 CEU towards the PAHCOM CMM designation. To earn the credit, participants must complete the combination Evaluation / CME - CEU Form, that is included in the course materials, and FAX this form back within seven days following the date of the Webconference.

Faculty - The faculty for the course is Mr. Tom Loughrey, MBA, CCS-P. Mr. Loughrey is Chairman of Economedix and a noted practice management consultant to physicians, medical offices and medical societies. For over a decade, Mr. Loughrey has provided consulting services to the College as a part of the Consultant's Corner at the annual ACS Clinical Congress and regularly is engaged by ACS to speak and teach at meetings and workshops throughout the country.

Registration & Information - This completed form can be Faxed Toll Free to **877-813-9784**; or mailed to **Economedix - 297 Valley Road # 200 - Wexford, PA 15090**; For complete details and secure On-Line Registration simply go to: <http://www.YourMedPractice.com>

Thank you for your interest in this Program!



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Address: _____ Phone: _____

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Yes, we want to participate in the **ICD-(Diagnosis Coding Course ...** and will attend
 Wednesday March 26, 2008 @ 1 PM Eastern, Web-based On-Demand ... or Both Presentations.

Form of Payment: Check Payable to Economedix, LLC & mailed to: 297 Valley Rd # 200 - Wexford, PA 15090
or Credit / Debit Card (MC, Visa, Discover or American Express)

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