Learn from an expert answers to these questions:

- What constitutes an inpatient admission?
- How should a physician determine that observation should be used rather than an inpatient admission.
- What is observation?
- Should Condition Code 44 be used or not?
- What is the difference between the ‘24-Hour’ rule and the ‘Over 2-Midnights’ rule?
- What are the findings in cases such as the O’Connor hospital ruling?
- How has CMS reacted to the O’Connor Hospital Ruling?
- How does CMS indicate how Part B inpatient billing is to take place?
- If CMS does not like the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) and Medicare Appeals Council (MAC) rulings, why didn’t they take the case to Federal Court?

Target Audience:  CEO, COO, CFO, CNO, CMO, Outpatient Clinical Staff, Nursing Staff, Physicians, Outpatient Departmental Managers, Utilization Review Staff, Medical-Surgical Nursing Staff, ED Nursing Staff, Coding Personnel, Coding, Billing and Claims Transaction Personnel, Financial Analysts, Compliance Personnel, Chargemaster Coordinators

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Program Topics:

- Inpatient vs. Outpatient Status
  - Inpatient Admission Process
  - Medical Necessity Documentation
  - Standardized Inpatient Criteria
  - Compliance Issues
  - Payment Documentation
  - RAC Involvement
  - CMS’s Fundamental Premise
- O’Connor Hospital Ruling
  - ALJ and MAC Rulings
  - Directives Made to CMS
  - CMS’ Acquiescence to the Rulings
- August 19, 2013 Federal Register
  - CMS’ Fundamental Differences with Rulings
  - Ruling Making Process
    - Interim Rule – CMS-1455-R
    - Proposed Rule – CMS-1445-P
    - Transmittal 1247
- Final Rules in IPPS for FY2014
  - Issues and Directives
    - Hospitals Are Solely Responsible for Correct Claims
    - Scope of Federal Auditors
    - Over 2-Midnights Rule
    - Part B Inpatient Billing
      - Conditions Code 44 Situations
      - Auditor Denial Situations
      - Hospital Self-Audit Situations
  - 1-Year Timely Filing Requirement
  - Categorization of Services Requiring Outpatient Status
- CMS’ Conformance with Directives in the Rulings
  - Additional Issues and Concerns
    - Correcting Errors
    - Developing Payment Documentation
- Case Studies and Exercises

Objectives:

At the completion of this program, the participants will be able to:
1. State what constitutes an inpatient admission.
2. Review physician requirements for inpatient admissions versus outpatient observation admissions.
3. Explain the inpatient admission criteria including CMS’s new ‘Over 2-Midnights’ rule.
4. Review the observation concept and payment for observation services.
5. Describe Medicare rules and regulations concerning observation services including counting hours, Condition Code 44, and documentation requirements.
6. Explain how the Medicare interpretation of Condition Code 44 is different from private payer interpretations and usage.
7. Discuss the O’Connor Hospital Ruling from the Medicare Appeals Council.
8. State how CMS has reacted to the O’Connor Hospital Ruling and similar appeals.
9. Explain how CMS wants to address Part B inpatient billing as discussed in Federal Register entries.
10. Discuss the 1-year timely filing requirement.
11. Describe CMS’s stance on the scope of review for federal auditors.
12. Discuss the Utilization Review Committee involvement in observation and for changes in inpatient status after the patient’s discharge.

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