

UDSMR® IRF ICD-10 Coder and PPS Coordinator Competency: Putting What You Know to the Test

Are you confident in the accuracy of the codes on your Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Patient Assessment Instrument (IRF-PAI)? Are you positive that your facility is recording tiered comorbid conditions in the proper field—the one that affects your facility’s expected length of stay and reimbursement? **If you want to be sure, this “bring a coworker” virtual workshop is perfect for the HIM coder and PPS coordinator to team up and tackle some of the major nuances of IRF-specific coding.**

When it comes to the Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System (IRF PPS), the IRF-specific knowledge of your facility’s coders and PPS coordinator is vital to your success. Simply memorizing codes and applying traditional coding guidelines is not enough; health information management (HIM) coding professionals must understand nonconventional IRF guidelines and know how to use the ICD-10-CM classification system to apply these guidelines to the IRF-PAI.

Coders and PPS coordinators are crucial to this process. The collaboration between the two ensures the integrity and accuracy of the codes recorded on the IRF-PAI and the UB-04, as determined by the physician documentation in the patient’s IRF medical record. Understanding IRF-PAI guidelines and ICD-10-CM coding conventions will not only help IRFs capture codes that demonstrate their compliance with the 60% rule, but also help ensure the accuracy of their IGCs, etiologic diagnoses, comorbid conditions, complications, and CMGs. If your staff members don’t have the right IRF PPS knowledge and don’t understand how to complete the IRF-PAI, your facility could be vulnerable to inconsistencies that result in financial implications

After attending this workshop, you will be able to take one of two free competency tests offered by UDSMR:

- One for testing coders on their coding skills, knowledge of ICD-10-CM codes, and understanding of the differences between IRF-PAI coding and UB-04 coding
- One for testing PPS coordinators on their knowledge of IRF-PAI coding guidelines and conventions

The workshop, which will include UDSMR’s invaluable one-of-a-kind reference tools and CMS’s IRF PPS handouts, will cover the following topics in two 3.5-hour sessions:

- Impairment group codes
- 60% rule compliance
- IRF PPS coding guidelines vs. acute coding guidelines
- Etiologic diagnoses
- Comorbid conditions and tiers
- Examples of financial implications
- The importance of a query process to specificity and clarifications
- Concurrent coding
- Case studies that illustrate the differences IRF-PAI coding and UB-04 coding

Each section will end with a short quiz that tests your knowledge of the concepts explored throughout the training.

The target audience for this workshop is medical record coders who code for inpatient rehabilitation facilities/units, HIM managers, PPS coordinators, and program managers.



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