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Agenda



- ◆ **The FY 2009 IRF PPS Final Rule**
- ◆ **New and revised ICD-9-CM codes – October 1, 2008**
- ◆ **ICD-9-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting, effective October 1, 2008**
- ◆ **Coding and Completing the IRF PAI**
- ◆ **Recovery Audit Contractors**
- ◆ **What’s in the Future for IRFs**

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Final Rule for FY09 IRF PPS

- ◆ **CMG Changes**
 - **Relative Weights**
 - **Average Length of Stay**
- ◆ **Standard Payment Conversion**
 - **2008 = \$12,999**
 - **2009 = \$12,958**
- ◆ **Outlier Threshold increased**
 - **2008 = \$7,362**
 - **2009 = \$10,250**
- ◆ **Changes to IRF Cost-to Charge Ratio**

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Final Rule for FY09 IRF PPS

- ◆ **Revisions to Regulation Text mandated by the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007**
 - **Compliance rate 60% for IRF to be excluded from IPPS and paid under the IRF PPS shall be no greater than 60% compliance for cost reporting periods beginning on or after July 1, 2006.**
 - **Patient comorbidities shall be included in the calculations for cost reporting periods beginning on or after July 1, 2007.**

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Final Rule for FY09 IRF PPS

- ◆ **CMS estimates the total impact of changes will be a decrease of approximately \$40 million in payments to IRFs.**

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Final Rule for FY 2009 IRF PPS

- ♦ **Minor changes in the codes assigned to payment tiers is due to changes in the codes assigned for the conditions because of updates to the ICD-9-CM codes**
 - V45.11 replaced code V45.1 for renal dialysis status
 - 038.12 MRSA septicemia
- ♦ **No changes to the payment tier assigned to individual codes**

List of codes assigned to payment tiers is posted as resource in Coding Physical Medicine Rehabilitation Community of Practice

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***Changes to ICD-9-CM
Effective October 1, 2008***

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New and Revised ICD-9-CM Codes

- ◆ **Diagnosis Codes – Effective October 1, 2008**
 - 367 New Codes
 - 60 Revised codes
 - 25 Invalid codes

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New Codes - MRSA

- ◆ **MRSA Infection**
 - 038.12 Methicillin **resistant** Staphylococcus aureus septicemia
 - 041.12 Methicillin **resistant** Staphylococcus aureus in conditions classified elsewhere and of unspecified site
- ◆ **MRSA Colonization**
 - V02.54 Carrier or suspected carrier of Methicillin **resistant** Staphylococcus aureus
- ◆ **History of MRSA**
 - V12.04 Personal history of MRSA infection

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Revised Codes – MSSA

- ◆ **Revised codes that identify MSSA**
 - **038.11 Methicillin susceptible Staphylococcus aureus septicemia**
 - **041.11 Methicillin susceptible Staphylococcus aureus in conditions classified elsewhere**

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Revised Diagnosis Code Titles

- ◆ **Several changes to codes for myeloma and leukemia in the 203.xx – 208.xx code range**
- ◆ **Changes for 5th digits**
 - **"0" without mention of achieving remission**
 - **"1" in remission**
 - **"2" in relapse**

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New Codes – Secondary Diabetes

♦ Secondary Diabetes

- Documentation should document a cause for the diabetes, e.g., secondary or due to steroids, cystic fibrosis, etc.
- 5th digits should be used to show if the diabetes is controlled or uncontrolled
 - "0" not states as uncontrolled or unspecified
 - "1" uncontrolled

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New Codes – Secondary Diabetes

♦ Secondary Diabetes

- 249.0x Secondary diabetes mellitus without mention of complication
- 249.1x Secondary diabetes mellitus with ketoacidosis
- 249.2x Secondary diabetes mellitus with hyperosmolarity
- 249.3x Secondary diabetes mellitus with other coma
- 249.4x Secondary diabetes mellitus with renal manifestations

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New Codes – Secondary Diabetes

- ◆ **Secondary Diabetes**
 - 249.5x Secondary diabetes mellitus with ophthalmic manifestations
 - 249.6x Secondary diabetes mellitus with neurological manifestations
 - 249.7x Secondary diabetes mellitus with peripheral circulatory manifestations
 - 249.8x Secondary diabetes mellitus with other specified manifestations
 - 249.9x Secondary diabetes mellitus with unspecified manifestations

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Diabetes – Poorly Controlled

- ◆ **Alphabetic Index**
 - Directs coder to use 5th digit for not stated as uncontrolled for diabetes documented as poorly controlled.



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New Codes - Headaches

- ◆ **Category 339 to show specific types of headaches**
 - **339.00-339.09 Cluster headaches**
 - Paroxysmal hemicrania
 - Other trigeminal autonomic cephalgias
- ◆ **339.1x Tension headaches**
 - **339.10 Tension type headache unspecified**
 - **339.11 Episodic tension type headache**
 - **339.12 Chronic tension type headache**

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New Codes - Headaches

- ◆ **339.2x Post-Traumatic headaches**
 - **339.20 Post-traumatic headache unspecified**
 - **339.21 Acute post-traumatic headache**
 - **339.22 Chronic post-traumatic headache**
- ◆ **339.3 – 339.89 Other specified types of headaches**

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New Codes – Migraine Headaches

- ◆ **Expansion of category 346 to include**
 - Migraines with aura
 - Migraines without aura
 - Migraines with intractable migraine
 - Migraines without intractable migraine
 - Migraines with status migrainosus
 - Migraines without status migrainosus
 - Menstrual Migraines
 - Migraines with and without cerebral infarction
 - Chronic Migraines

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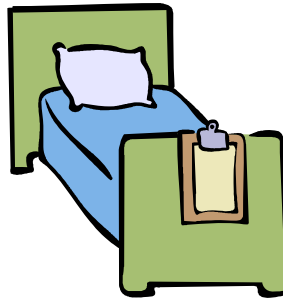
New Codes - Hematuria

- ◆ **599.70 Unspecified hematuria**
- ◆ **599.71 Gross hematuria**
- ◆ **599.72 Microscopic hematuria**

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New Codes – Pressure Ulcers

- ◆ Change in terminology from decubitus ulcer to pressure ulcer
- ◆ Pressure ulcers described as Stage I to Stage IV wounds



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New Codes – Pressure Ulcers

- ◆ As of October 1, 2008 – 2 codes are required
 - Codes 707.00 – 707.09 Site of the pressure ulcer
- Use additional code to report stage of pressure ulcer**
- Codes 707.20 – 707.25 Stage of the pressure ulcer

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New Codes – Pressure Ulcer Stages

- ◆ **707.20 Pressure Ulcer unspecified stage**
- ◆ **707.21 Pressure Ulcer, stage I**
- ◆ **707.22 Pressure Ulcer, stage II**
- ◆ **707.23 Pressure Ulcer, stage III**
- ◆ **707.24 Pressure Ulcer, stage IV**
- ◆ **707.25 Pressure Ulcer, unstageable**

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New Codes – Soft Tissue disorders

- ◆ **729.90 Disorders of soft tissue, unspecified**
- ◆ **729.91 Post-traumatic seroma**
- ◆ **729.92 Nontraumatic hematoma of soft tissue**
- ◆ **729.99 Other disorders of soft tissue**

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New Codes – Stress Fractures

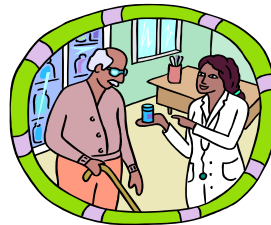
- ◆ **733.96 Stress fracture of femoral neck**
- ◆ **733.97 Stress fracture of shaft of femur**
- ◆ **733.98 Stress fracture of pelvis**



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New Codes – History of Fracture

- ◆ **V13.51 Personal history of pathologic fracture**
- ◆ **V13.52 Personal history of stress fracture**
- ◆ **V15.51 Personal history of traumatic fracture**



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New Codes - Fever



- ◆ **780.60** Fever, unspecified
- ◆ **780.61** Fever presenting with conditions classified elsewhere
- ◆ **780.62** Postprocedural fever
- ◆ **780.63** Postvaccination fever
- ◆ **780.64** Chills (without fever)
- ◆ **780.65** Hypothermia not associated with low environmental temperature

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New Code - Quadriplegia

- ◆ **780.72** Functional Quadriplegia



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***New Code –
Ventilator associated Pneumonia***

- ◆ **997.31 Ventilator associated Pneumonia**
 - Relationship between the condition and the procedure must be documented
 - Assign code only when provider documents ventilator associated pneumonia (VAP)
 - Assign additional code for the responsible organism
 - Do not assign a code from category 480-484 to identify the type of pneumonia

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***New Code –
Ventilator associated Pneumonia***

- ◆ **997.31 Ventilator associated Pneumonia**
 - Patient admitted with pneumonia and develops VAP
 - Assign code from category 480-484 as the principal diagnosis
 - Add code 997.31, VAP as an additional diagnosis

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New Codes

- ◆ **998.30 Disruption of wound unspecified**
- ◆ **998.33 Disruption of traumatic injury wound repair**

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Addition of Inclusion Terms

- ◆ **Code 998.31 Disruption of internal operation (surgical) wound**
- ◆ **Code 998.32 Disruption of external operation (surgical) wound**

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New Codes – Other V codes

- ♦ V45.11 Renal dialysis status
- ♦ V45.12 Non-compliance with renal dialysis
- ♦ V46.3 Wheelchair dependence

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Polling Question #1



The patient was admitted with a Stage II pressure ulcer of the sacrum that changed to a Stage III while at the IRF. For which ulcer would you assign a code(s)?

- *1 Stage II pressure ulcer of sacrum
- *2 Stage III pressure ulcer of sacrum
- *3 Code both a Stage II and Stage III pressure ulcer of sacrum

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***ICD-9-CM Official Guidelines
for Coding and Reporting
Effective October 1, 2008***

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***ICD-9-CM Official Guidelines for Coding
and Reporting – Effective October 1, 2008***

- ◆ **Reporting Same Diagnosis Code More than Once**
 - Report each diagnosis code only once for each encounter
 - Applies to bilateral conditions or two different conditions assigned to same ICD-9-CM diagnosis code

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ICD-9-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting – Effective October 1, 2008**◆ Admissions/Encounters for Rehabilitation**

- If the purpose is for rehabilitation, report a code from category V57 as the principal diagnosis.
- Add a code for the condition for which rehabilitation is being provided
- Only one code from V57 is required
- Assign code V57.89 if more than one type of therapy is provided.
- A procedure code should be used to indicate the type of rehabilitation therapy performed.

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ICD-9-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting – Effective October 1, 2008**◆ Documentation for BMI and Pressure Ulcer Stages**

- Physician documentation is not required
 - Dietitian often documents BMI
 - Nurses often document stages of pressure ulcers
- Associated diagnosis must be documented by patient's provider

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ICD-9-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting – Effective October 1, 2008

- **Codes for BMI and Pressure Ulcer stages**
 - **BMI (V85.0-V85.51)**
 - **Pressure Ulcer Stages (707.20-707.25)**
 - **Only report**
 - as a secondary diagnosis
 - if it meets the definition of a reportable secondary diagnosis
 - **Conflicting information – Query the attending physician**

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Coding and Completing the IRF PAI

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IRF PAI – Interrupted Stays

- ♦ **Interrupted Stays non-Medicare**
 - Discharge and return before the 3rd midnight
 - If 2 UB claim forms are required
 - Initial admission date to date of interruption
 - Return from interruption until discharge or another interruption
 - Only submit one IRF PAI
 - Initial admission until final discharge
 - Include dates of interruptions in Item # 43

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IRF PAI Interrupted Stays

- ♦ **Interrupted Stays**
 - IRF PAI should include the entire stay
 - Reason for interruption Item #46 –
 - Physician discharges patient due to change in mental status and fever
 - Acute hospital confirms a urinary tract infection and the patient returns.
 - Report in item #46 a code for change in mental status or fever
 - Urinary tract infection should be reported as a complication, item #47 and also as a comorbidity, item #24.

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Polling Question #2



Who assigns the Impairment Group Code at your facility?

- *1 Coder**
- *2 PPS or IRF PAI Coordinator**
- *3 Nurse**
- *4 Therapist**
- *5 Other**

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IRF PAI Impairment Group Codes

- 08.11 Unilateral hip fracture**
- 08.51 Unilateral hip replacement**
- 08.09 Other orthopedic**



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IRF PAI Impairment Group Codes

- ♦ **08.11 Unilateral hip fracture**
 - Patient fell and fractured right hip
 - Treated at acute hospital with total hip replacement
 - Assign: IGC 08.11
 Etiology 820.8

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IRF PAI Impairment Group Codes

- ♦ **08.51 Unilateral hip replacement**
 - Patient with articular bearing surface wear of prosthetic hip joint.
 - Admitted to acute care hospital and joint was replaced.
 - Assign: IGC 08.51
 Etiology 996.46

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IRF PAI Impairment Group Codes

- ◆ **08.09 Unilateral hip replacement**
 - Patient with infection of prosthetic hip joint.
 - Admitted to acute care hospital and prosthetic joint was removed and spacer placed.
 - Assign: IGC 08.09
 Etiology 996.66

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IRF PAI Impairment Group Codes

- ◆ **14 Major multiple trauma**
 - 14.1 Brain + Spinal Cord Injury
 - 14.2 Brain + Multiple Fracture/Amputation
 - 14.3 Spinal Cord + Multiple Fracture/Amputation
 - 14.9 Other Multiple Trauma

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IRF PAI Impairment Group Codes

- ♦ **Multiple Trauma or Single Impairment**
 - Brain (TBI) + Spinal Cord Injury (SCI)
 - Example: Patient had SCI with complete paraplegia and mild TBI 3 months ago. No longer has evidence or residuals of TBI.
Assign IGC 04.212, Spinal cord dysfunction, traumatic, with complete paraplegia

Coding Tip: Residuals of both conditions must be present

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IRF PAI Impairment Group Codes

- ♦ **14.3 Major multiple trauma –Spinal Cord Injury + multiple fractures/amputation**
 - If fractures are one of the injuries there must be more than one fracture
 - Example: Fracture C4 with spinal cord injury and complete quadriplegia, fracture femur and humerus. **Assign IGC 14.3, Spinal cord + Multiple fractures.**

Coding Tip – Report quadriplegia 344.01 as a comorbidity as it is not included in the IGC

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IRF PAI Impairment Group Codes

- ◆ **Major multiple trauma or SCI**
 - Includes trauma that results in SCI or TBI and multiple fractures or amputations.
 - Example: Fracture C4 with spinal cord injury with complete quadriplegia and laceration of liver. **Assign IGC 04.2221, Spinal Cord Dysfunction Traumatic, with Quadriplegia, Complete C1-C4**

Coding Tip: Injuries to internal organs with SCI or TBI do not meet criteria for major multiple trauma. Fractures or amputation must also be present.

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IRF PAI Impairment Group Codes

- ◆ **14.9 Major multiple trauma**
 - Other multiple trauma without SCI or TBI includes injuries to internal organs
 - Trauma must be to two or more systems or sites
 - Example: Fracture of hip, fracture lower end of humerus and lacerated liver. **Assign IGC 14.9, Other Multiple Trauma.**

Coding Tip: If fractures are the only injuries, assign IGC 08.4, multiple fractures.

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IRF PAI Date of Onset of Impairment

- ◆ **Date reported is determined by the Impairment Group Code**
- ◆ **Traumatic and Non-traumatic spinal cord dysfunctions or brain injuries have different requirements**

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IRF PAI Date of Onset of Impairment

- ◆ **Traumatic and Non-traumatic spinal cord dysfunctions have different requirements**
 - **Traumatic Spinal Cord Dysfunctions (04.2xxx)**
 - Always use date of original injury
 - **Non-traumatic Spinal Cord Dysfunction (04.1xxx)**
 - Date of diagnosis or
 - If surgery, date of most recent surgery

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Recovery Audit Contractors (RAC Program)

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Recovery Audit Contractors

- ♦ **A RAC is a CMS contractor that is used to find and correct improper Medicare payments**
 - Paid on contingency basis
 - Review all types of healthcare including inpatient rehabilitation
- ♦ **Three year demonstration project in three states (CA, FL, NY) ended in March, 2008**
 - Rehab facilities were on the radar in at least one state (CA)
 - Large number of record requests
 - Many denials, however, many were overturned on appeal and several more are still being appealed

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Recovery Audit Contractors

- ◆ **RAC denied claims that did not meet Medicare coding rules or medical necessity guidelines**
 - **Are the codes supported by documentation in the health record?**
 - **Could the patient be treated in a lesser level facility?**

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Recovery Audit Contractors

- ◆ **Program will expand to all 50 states by 2010**
 - **Four RACS that will continue the program should be announced soon**

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Recovery Audit Contractors

- ◆ **Changes to the Program**
 - Contingency payments – denials overturned
 - Limits on number of records requested
 - RACs will not be able to review claims paid prior to October 1, 2007
 - RACs will be able to look back 3 years from date claim paid

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Recovery Audit Contractors

- ◆ **How to prepare**
 - Review documentation and coding guidelines at your facility
 - Perform coding audit to identify your exposure and educate coders
 - Implement documentation improvement program for physicians and clinicians

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What's in the Future for IRFs

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What to Watch For

- ◆ **Audits**
- ◆ **CMS Post Acute Care Demonstration Project**
- ◆ **Definition of Medical Necessity for IRFs**

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Resource/Reference List

- **ICD-9-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting, Effective October 1, 2008**
<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/datawh/ftp/ftpicd9/icdguide08.pdf>
- ***Federal Register*, Friday, August 8, 2008, Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal FY 2009; Final Rule pp. 46370-46414.**
- **AHIMA Physical Medicine Rehabilitation Community of Practice**
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