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National President, Vicki DiTomaso, presents the 1st Place Presidential Division award to Kenny Koerner, IL Chapter President and Josh Johnson, IL Chapter 2nd VP and Editor of the Lincoln Log at the ANI in San Diego October 2014.



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The Illinois AAHAM Board of Directors would like to thank each one of you for your membership, support and participation!!

We look forward to another year of Awesome Education and Networking opportunities!

Doris, Kenny, Chris, Josh, Nancy, Tera, Julie, Maria, Rena, Dave, Vanessa, Jeff and CJ



PRESIDENT'S

Message



*Kenny Koerner, CRCE
IL Chapter President*

As another calendar year winds down, it's always a great time to reflect on the events and happenings of the year. As I write this today I am thinking of the past year spent with my family and friends, the numerous hours spent with my work family, and also the past year at some great educational events with my AAHAM family. I remember fondly the many, many ball games I watched and coached and all the young lives I was able to influence. I remember not as fondly the many, many nights spent helping on homework and the thoughts of my school years. I reminisce about the gatherings with family and friends and all the good food and conversations had. Looking back on the year, I can also still feel the pit forming in my stomach recalling some of the stress that was endured. Contrarily, a smile comes to my face when I remember the elation felt with the accomplishments and people that I was able to help. The year now seems like a blur, but I know while each day was occurring that a blur it was not. Whatever your memories of 2014 are, here's to wishing you, your family and your friends a wonderful and blessed 2015. May you each live each day to its fullest in the new year.

Take Care, and we will see you all in March at our educational meeting kick-off in Champaign.

Kenny



*IL AAHAM would like to Congratulate
William Carlson, CRCE on his recent
Retirement!!!*



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SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday March 12, 2014

Spring Education Meeting!

Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham—
CHAMPAIGN, IL!!!!

Details will be announced this
week! Watch for our e-mail
blasts!



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Night at the Oscars...

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*ASI was held December 3-5, 2014 at the
Holiday Inn and Suites, East Peoria!*

*It was a Big success and the IL AAHAM
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WELCOME National Board Members!

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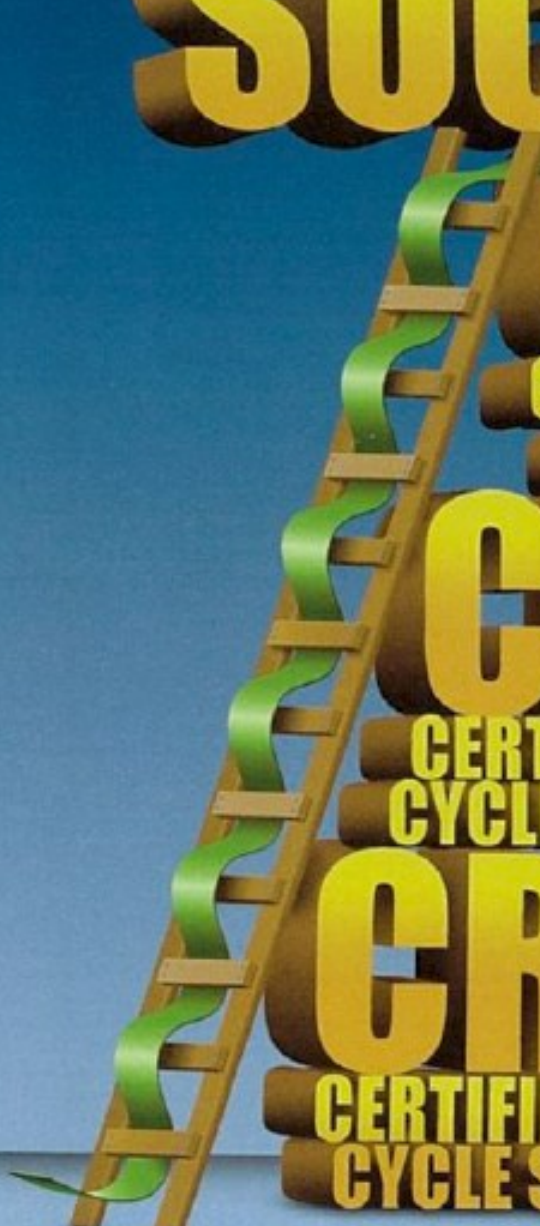
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Certification Schedule

March 3, 2014 - Deadline for May
2014 Exam Period (May 12-23, 2014)

June 2, 2014 - Deadline for August
2014 Exam Period (August 11-22,
2014)

September 2, 2014 - Deadline for
November 2014 Exam Period
(November 10-21, 2014)

December 1, 2014 - Deadline for
February 2015 Exam Period

Congratulations!



*NEWLY CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL
MEMBERS
CRCP AND CRCE*



A note from the Professional Certification Chair, Julie VanPelt, CRCS, CRCE...

As the professional certification chair, my role is to educate and support our members who are seeking the designation of Certified Revenue Cycle Executive. The chair is the point of contact with National for applications, proctoring, documenting. The chair receives the awards and certificates as they are earned. I personally just completed my CRCE in October 2013 so the nerves and preparation steps are still fresh for me but the reward of achievement was worth the effort. I am a big advocate of certification and education as a way to add value to your role and solidify your employability for the future. If any member has had a passing thought about seeking professional certification, please contact me. I can be reached at my office at 866-633-7291 ext. 3010 or email jvanpelt@avadynehealth.com I will do my best to help you understand the commitment to succeed and can offer telephone study sessions, tips on taking the exam and morale support in your journey.

Julie VanPelt, CHFP, CPC, CRCE-I, CRCS-I,P

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A39 (APL HCPCS Code Required on Claim) Rejections CPT Codes Deleted Effective January 1, 2015

CY 2015 Radiation Therapy G-Code Replacing CY 2014 CPT Codes

CPT codes traditionally used to report conventional radiation therapy treatment delivery (77403, 77404, 77406, 77408, 77409, 77411, 77413, 77414, and 77416), intensity modulated radiation therapy (IMRT) treatment delivery (77418 and 0073T), and image guided radiation therapy (IGRT) codes (77421, 76950 and 0197T) have been deleted.

CY 2015 Radiation Therapy G-Code Replacing CY 2014 CPT Codes

CY 2014 CPT Code	CY 2015 HCPCS Code	Long Descriptor
76950	G6001	Ultrasonic guidance for placement of radiation therapy fields
77421	G6002	Stereoscopic X-ray guidance for localization of target volume for the delivery of radiation therapy
77402	G6003	Radiation treatment delivery, single treatment area, single port or parallel opposed ports, simple blocks or no blocks: up to 5MeV
77403	G6004	Radiation treatment delivery, single treatment area, single port or parallel opposed ports, simple blocks or no blocks: 6-10MeV
77404	G6005	Radiation treatment delivery, single treatment area, single port or parallel opposed ports, simple blocks or no blocks: 11-19MeV
77406	G6006	Radiation treatment delivery, single treatment area, single port or parallel opposed ports, simple blocks or no blocks: 20MeV or greater
77407	G6007	Radiation treatment delivery, 2 separate treatment areas, 3 or more ports on a single treatment area, use of multiple blocks: up to 5MeV
77408	G6008	Radiation treatment delivery, 2 separate treatment areas, 3 or more ports on a single treatment area, use of multiple blocks: 6-10MeV
77409	G6009	Radiation treatment delivery, 2 separate treatment areas, 3 or more ports on a single treatment area, use of multiple blocks: 11-19MeV
77411	G6010	Radiation treatment delivery, 2 separate treatment areas, 3 or more ports on a single treatment area, use of multiple blocks: 20MeV or greater
77412	G6011	Radiation treatment delivery, 3 or more separate treatment areas, custom blocking, tangential ports, wedges, rotational beam, compensators, electron beam; up to 5MeV
77413	G6012	Radiation treatment delivery, 3 or more separate treatment areas, custom blocking, tangential ports, wedges, rotational beam, compensators, electron beam; 6-10MeV
77414	G6013	Radiation treatment delivery, 3 or more separate treatment areas, custom blocking, tangential ports, wedges, rotational beam, compensators, electron beam; 11-19MeV
77416	G6014	Radiation treatment delivery, 3 or more separate treatment areas, custom blocking, tangential ports, wedges, rotational beam, compensators, electron beam; 20MeV or greater
77418	G6015	Intensity modulated treatment delivery, single or multiple fields/arcs, via narrow spatially and temporally modulated beams, binary, dynamic MLC, per treatment session
0073T	G6016	Compensator-based beam modulation treatment delivery of inverse planned treatment using 3 or more high resolution (milled or cast) compensator, convergent beam modulated fields, per treatment session
0197T	G6017	Intra-fraction localization and tracking of target or patient motion during delivery of radiation therapy (eg, 3D positional tracking, gating, 3D surface tracking), each fraction of treatment

The current breast ultrasound code (76645) has been deleted, and two new codes (76641-76642) have been created.

For dates of service prior to 01/01/2015 the HFS system is not reading the history segment APL value and is rejecting claims inappropriately. HFS is working diligently to fix this system problem.



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835 Electronic Remittance Advices

HFS voucher numbers reported in the 835 now begin with "478" followed by the year 2015. The "478" identifies that this is a payment from Healthcare & Family Services.

Backlog of HFS Payments by the Comptroller's Office

As of today, the oldest Medicaid schedule that is at the Comptroller's Office awaiting payment is dated October 30, 2014. This schedule was sent to the Comptroller's Office on November 3, 2014.

HFS has indicated that interest payments will not be generated again until the end of the year.

New HCPCS Modifiers

HFS will recognize these four new modifiers. At this time, the modifiers will not bypass a Duplicate Service error, so long as the service using the new modifier is not identical to another service being submitted under the same provider, same recipient, same date of service, and same procedure code, HFS will carry the modifier into their system.

These modifiers will be allowable for dates of service on or after January 1, 2015, but HFS programming has not yet been completed so these modifiers should not be used for billing Medicaid services.

- XE Separate Encounter, A Service That Is Distinct Because It Occurred During A Separate Encounter
- XS Separate Structure, A Service That Is Distinct Because It Was Performed On A Separate Organ/Structure
- XP Separate Practitioner, A Service That Is Distinct Because It Was Performed By A Different Practitioner
- XU Unusual Non-Overlapping Service, The Use Of A Service That Is Distinct Because It Does Not Overlap Usual Components Of The Main Service

H25 (POA Present on Admission Indicator Required) Rejections

Inpatient claims that contain diagnosis code 7511 are being rejected by HFS erroneously. Diagnosis code 7511 is exempt from the POA indicator requirement.

HFS is in the process of correcting their code database to reflect "N" which identifies no POA required. Once this correction is made, hospitals will need to rebill their claims that rejected.

A39 (APL HCPCS Code Required on Claim) Rejections

Hospital outpatient claims are rejecting for A39 when billed with the following codes that are on the Ambulatory Procedures Listing (APL):

CPT Codes

77413
77416
77418
76645

HFS is reviewing to determine if these codes should or should not be on the APL or whether they are coded incorrectly on the HFS code database.

Proposed HFS Administrative Rules

The proposed amendment provides an add-on payment to hospitals and freestanding chronic dialysis centers for outpatient renal dialysis treatments or home dialysis treatments by \$60 per treatment day.

The add-on payment is effective with services provided on and after July 1, 2013, which was inadvertently stricken in the Hospital Rate Reform rulemaking.

Adopted HFS Administrative Rules

For claims for which HFS is not the primary payer, claims must be submitted to HFS within 180 days after the final adjudication by the primary payer.

Based on the final rule, a primary payer is a payer that can reasonably be expected to make payments within 120 days after the date of service; for example, other medical insurance or a group health plan, when the patient is the insured party. Primary payer does not include payers who are not reasonably expected to pay within 120 days; for example, liability insurance and workers' compensation, when the patient is not the insured party.

This final rule does not impact the timely filing requirements for Medicare primary claims secondary to Medicaid. Medicare/Medicaid crossover claims must be submitted no later than 24 months after the date on which medical goods or services were provided.



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Updated info is **highlighted** below.

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These four codes were deleted from the 3M EAPG tables effective 1/1/15.



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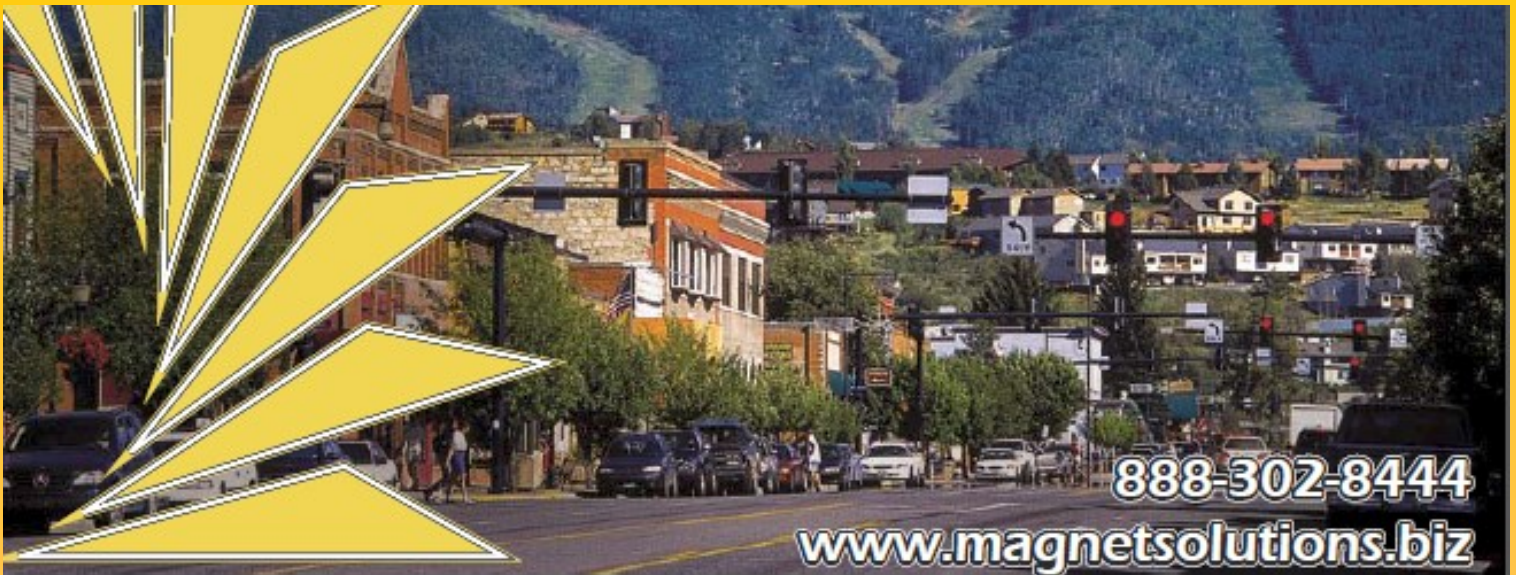


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2015 Events Calendar

Preliminary Calendar of Events:

- March 11** IL AAHAM Board Meeting, 6pm, Champaign, IL
March 12 IL AAHAM Spring Education Meeting, Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham—
Champaign, IL
- March 30-31** Legislative Day
Hyatt Regency Capital Hill
Washington, DC
- June 8** IL AAHAM Board Meeting
June 9 IL AAHAM Summer Education Meeting, Springfield, IL
Details and Location TBA
- September 10** IL AAHAM Board Meeting – **Location TBA**
September 10 Charles Garvin Memorial Golf Outing –
Location TBA
- September 11** Fall Education Meeting –
Location TBA
- December 2** Board Meeting –
Vendor Reception
East Peoria, IL **Location TBA**
- December 3-4** Annual State Institute –
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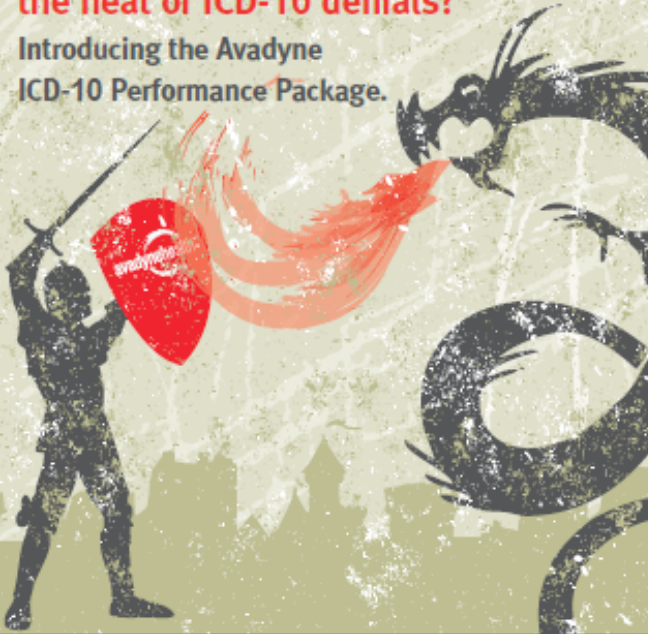


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