



Risk Adjustment HCC Coder/Auditor Training Course

OVERVIEW:

This highly specialized online course is brought to you by AHIMA and MARSIS.

AHIMA is the premier association for HIM professionals and is a respected authority for rigorous professional education and training.

MARSIS is an industry leader in risk adjustment documentation, coding, & auditing.

This course provides **40 hours of AHIMA CEUs** upon successful completion of the final exam (minimum 80%). Learners will earn a certificate of completion from AHIMA.

PREREQUISITES:

1. Anatomy and Physiology
2. Medical Terminology
3. Operational Competency of ICD-10-CM

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Accurate coding of thorough documentation is essential to help ensure appropriate reimbursement for delivered healthcare services. Risk Adjustment and Hierarchical Condition Category (HCC) coding, a payment model mandated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in 1997, is no exception. HCCs are used pervasively in value-based reimbursement, including risk-adjusted methodologies such as Medicare Advantage, ACOs, and the Affordable Care Act.

The course does not merely present HCC coding rules but goes much further. Physicians and/or their office staff who assign the majority of HCCs have less formal training; therefore, supporting documentation and coding compliance must be audited. HCC specialists must be able to formulate unique queries that seek clarification regarding the provider's documentation in the medical record for accurate coding. This course provides the specialized training necessary to be successful in this role.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

1. Develop a thorough understanding of ICD-10-CM Guidelines, including Coding Clinic and the CMS Participant Guide.
2. Understand how to apply guidelines to medical chart documentation.
3. Identify which diagnoses Risk Adjust and become familiar with common disease processes.
4. Understand how CMS hierarchy applies to payment.
5. Learn to identify insufficient or incomplete documentation and its impact on HCCs.
6. Be able to explain the best practice use of queries and how to formulate those queries.

CURRICULUM:

The five-section course is broken into modules to create natural places within the course to pause and return later. Learners must score a minimum of 80% on each section quiz before moving forward to the next section.

COURSE OVERVIEW:

- Included in the course are reference materials and study guides; however, **learners are required to have a current ICD-10-CM publication**
- Section 1 - Welcome to the World of HCC
- Section 2 - Documentation and Coding Guidelines for HCC
- Section 3 - Coding Guidelines and Conditions by Chapter according to ICD-10-CM
- Section 4 - HCC Auditing Process
- Section 5 - Query Process for Auditing HCCs
- Final Exam

COURSE OUTLINE:

SECTION 1

Welcome to the World of HCC

MODULE 1:

- Medicare Advantage and HCC
- What is HCC?
- Risk Adjustment Payment Methodology
- Quiz

SECTION 2

Documentation and Coding Guidelines for HCC

- HCC Documentation Guidelines
- ICD-10 Coding including Outpatient Guidelines, Conventions, & General Coding Guidelines
- HCC Coding
- Chart Note Documentation
- Quiz

SECTION 2 TEST

SECTION 3

Coding Guidelines and Conditions by Chapter according to ICD-10-CM

MODULE 1:

- Chapter 1 & 2
- Quiz

MODULE 2:

- Chapter 3 & 4
- Quiz

MODULE 3:

- Chapters 5, 6 & 7
- Quiz

MODULE 4:

- Chapter 9
- Quiz

MODULE 5:

- Chapters 10, 11 & 12
- Quiz

MODULE 6:

- Chapters 13, 14, 17 & 18
- Quiz

MODULE 7:

- Chapters 19, 20 & 21
- Quiz

SECTION 3 TEST

SECTION 4

HCC Auditing Process

MODULE 1:

- Review of the Basics
- Quiz

MODULE 2:

- Concepts Behind the Categories
- Quiz

MODULE 3:

- Categories Used to Report HCCs
- Quiz

SECTION 4 TEST

SECTION 5

Query Process for Auditing HCCs

MODULE 1:

- Query Process & Types of Queries
- Quiz

MODULE 2:

- Query Process for Chapters 1, 2, 3 & 4
- Quiz

MODULE 3:

- Query Process for Chapters 5, 6, 7 & 9
- Quiz

MODULE 4:

- Query Process for Chapters 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14
- Quiz

MODULE 5:

- Query Process for Chapters 17, 18, 19, 20 & 21
- Quiz

FINAL EXAM – Included within the course is the final exam, which is 100 questions and takes approximately four hours.