

President's Message

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GOOD –BYE Summer...Hello Fall. The crisp air definitely tells us Fall is here, leaves are turning and we will soon be seeing children dressed for Trick or Treat, Thanksgiving won't be far behind. We will soon be looking at our billing forms for new codes for 2011 and SCMGMA is right here to help you with that.



We have had a great year so far, and as the saying goes, "it's not over yet". We have a GREAT Winter Workshop planned for you with Krystal Miller, CPC from Columbia as our first speaker. She will be introducing us to ICD-10. I am sure that you know it is coming—despite our best efforts to postpone it—in the fall of 2013. Krystal will give us a heads up and start us down the path of change.

Our second speaker for this workshop will be Dr. Phillip E. Ward. Dr. Ward is a Podiatrist with Carolina Health Care and will be speaking on CPT & HCPC's Coding Updates for 2011.

We have been very pleased to offer you four workshops this calendar year as part of what we call "Enrichment Series" with the goal of giving you information helpful to you in your practice. Health Care is changing everyday—join us to network and share your questions and knowledge.

MaryAnn Turner, President



*Congratulations to
Sonja Stamey, Michelle
Bailey and Susie Lee
for being the lucky
winners of the August
door prizes.*

*Door prizes were pro-
vided by Health Facili-
ties Credit Union
and the
Florence Chapter of
SCMGMA.*

It pays to come to these meetings!

Thank You

Our chapter would like to thank Dr. James R. Morrow, Jr. and Elizabeth Rogers for such an awesome presentation on Meaningful Use.

Along with providing us with a great speaker Allscripts also provided us with a really good lunch for

the September meeting.

Our Chapter wouldn't survive without these people donating their time and lunches.

A BIG THANKS goes out to all these listed above!!!



MEMBER'S SPOTLIGHT

LET'S MEET JODI FITZSIMMONS....

Originally from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Jodi Fitzsimmons has been living in Florence for 14 years. Jodi has a Bachelor of Science degree in Healthcare Administration and is also a Certified Professional Coder. Having over 24 years (wow how time flies) of healthcare experience Jodi has had some wonderful employment opportunities in Florence which includes Pee Dee Cardiology, Pee Dee Surgical, as well as the Physicians Surgery Center of Florence. Recently Jodi accepted a new position with McLeod Physician Associates overseeing the Revenue Cycle Management Department.

Jodi has been married to Tom for 17 years and although they have no children they do pride themselves for the close rela-

tionship they have with their 15 nieces and nephews.

Jodi enjoys reading, traveling and watching sports despite the fact she herself has absolutely no athletic abilities. (Go Lions, Steelers, and Pens!!)

Jodi believes to work in healthcare you have to be extremely flexible and easy going with the continuous challenges we are faced with. Being a member of the Florence chapter of SCMGMA offers the opportunity to meet and interact with others who are going thru the same challenges and yet are not afraid to admit it. It's sort of like a support group whereby as professionals we can admit to one another that we don't have all the answers but collectively as a group can share ideas and resources and walk away from a meeting knowing you're not alone.

CODING CORNER

By Tara Barrineau, CPC, CUC

ICD-10 What's all the Buzz about??

What is ICD-10 and how will it affect your practice?

ICD-10 is a diagnostic coding system that is scheduled to replace ICD-9 CM, our current diagnosis code set. Currently in the United States, we use ICD-9 however there is a problem...we're running out of room! The ICD-9 classification is organized where each 3 digit category can only have 10 subcategories, and most of the categories have been assigned diagnoses. With all of the new breakthrough medical science making new discoveries there are no #'s to assign to these diagnosis.

How does this affect coders who are already certified?

If you are already a certified coder, you will have to take a test for ICD-10. This will be a 75 question open book, online test that is unproctored. The cost will be \$60.00 and you will have (2) attempts at passing.

What's the Difference between the ICD-9 & ICD-10?

ICD-9

- Consists of approx. 13,600 codes
- Mostly 3, 4 or 5 digits that are numeric with E & V codes

ICD-10

- Consists of approx. 69,000 codes
- All alphanumeric beginning with a letter and a mix of numbers and letters following
- Codes can be 3,4,5,6 or 7 digits

When does ICD-10 go into effect?

October 1, 2013

What's the best way to prepare for ICD-10 & the code set transition?

Coders, Physicians and billers will need training on ICD-10. The best way to keep up to date on all pertinent information regarding ICD-10 is to attend your AAPC Chapter meetings, sign up for ListServes and information from the AAPC (American Academy of Professional Coders). The AAPC website has very valuable information on this topic as well as an implementation timeline on their website that is broken down by year.

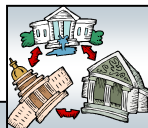


**DON'T BE AN OSTRICH...
GET YOUR HEAD OUT OF THE SAND
ICD-10 IS COMING.**

PART I
Presented by
KRYSTAL MILLER

PART II
Presented by
PHILLIP E. WARD, DPM

For more information please go to www.schma-florence.com



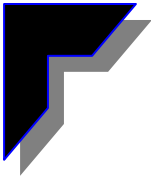
**YOUR LEGISLATIVE REPORT
BY SHARON POSTON**

Everyone needs to contact their legislators (again!) and urge permanently "fixing" the SGR formula. If not stayed or fixed by the end of the year, we will sustain a 23%+ decrease in reimbursement from Medicare.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

October 13th —Lee Gibbs Depret-Bixio speaking on South Carolina Immigration Updates





Mark Your Calendars

- ◆ October 13th, 2010—12:00pm—1:00pm—
Monthly Meeting
- ◆ November 10th, 2010—12:00pm—1:00pm—
Monthly Meeting
- ◆ December 8th, 2010—Christmas Reception
- ◆ December 9th, 2010—4th of the Enrichment
Series—FREE Workshop—ICD.10—*Floyd
Conference Center*

See our Website for detailed information.

MANAGEMENT TIP OF THE MONTH

“Managing Up”

by Ellen Hearne, Program Chairman

Recently I came across a concept that I had not previously heard of. It is called "Managing UP". It occurs when Leaders position others in a positive light. Others might include other leaders, other departments, fellow staff and even the Boss.

How many times have you heard one department blame the other? For example, Billing's claim was denied because Registration failed to get the insurance information correct, etc, etc. This list can go on & on.

In Managing UP, you make a conscience effort to position others positively. You eliminate the "we/they". It might sound something like "Ms. Jones, this is Susie your Nurse for the day. Susie is a very dedicated nurse & will take good care of you".

In today's world we are bombarded with the negative. By Managing UP, we don't just focus on the positive; we actively practice it in our speech. Chose your words carefully & take the opportunity to Manage Up!



MaryAnn Turner presents Certificate of Appreciation to Elizabeth Rogers from Allscripts



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