



FairCode Physician Audits

FairCode Services

Specifically trained physicians, using FairCode's audit support technology, collaborate with hospital coders to more accurately code diagnosis and procedures. Physician-to-physician dialogue improves and clarifies the medical record documentation so that appropriate codes are selected and sequenced for final DRG assignment.

Trained Physicians

Our physicians undergo a rigorous training process, beginning with on-line training, using a series of sample charts that take the physician through sequential steps in learning the rules and regulations related to MS DRG coding. They are then trained in the use of coding software: 3M, Win Coder and Cascade. Query writing and the use of our SQL database are the last critical elements of this phase of the physician's training.

100% Physician Based

Physician-conducted Medical Record Reviews

FairCode Associates, LLC was founded in 2001 by a team of physicians and nurses to improve coding documentation and compliance in hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers and physician practices. We are dedicated to the correct documentation of patient acuity, and to ensuring that our clients receive full compensation for the care they render. Our specially trained physicians and coding professionals have been working with clients nation-wide. This list includes academic medical centers, teaching hospitals, rural community hospitals, and multi-hospital health



systems. Likewise, our expertise in ambulatory surgery center coding has facilitated dramatic improvements for ASCs.

We excel in bridging the gap between clinical documentation and the assignment of codes using advanced technology to support peer-to-peer communication with attending physicians and surgeons.

Our commitment to quality and accuracy is matched only by our clinical and coding experience. And yes, we understand good, old-fashioned service.

Benefits

- Proven revenue cycle management strategies
- A decrease in risk from Medicare/Medicaid penalties for incorrect up-coding
- An increase in revenue from identification and correction of incorrect under-coding
- Peer-to-peer training and queries to your medical staff
- A physician advisor on your team who knows the language of coding!
- Clinical input for greater specificity in preparation for ICD 10
- Tools to improve coder productivity
- On-line, real-time, facility-specific performance reports
- Improved quality reports for individual medical staff members and facility



Reasons to select FairCode!

-  FairCode is the only DRG review firm that is staffed 100% by physicians.
-  FairCode has always returned a positive Return on Investment (ROI) for the client.
-  The physician reviewers are linking the nuances of medicine in the chart and can correspond, peer-to-peer with the attending physician, to clarify the clinical issues.
-  FairCode physicians are supported by DRG tables, that show for each DRG, across multiple groupers, the changes that have been made by other FairCode physicians.
-  With over 1,000,000+ audits completed, FairCode's "pull lists" have marked statistical significance.
-  FairCode can review both concurrently (before the claim is dropped) or retrospectively.
-  FairCode is the only physician audit company with an on-line query library – over 4,500 queries.
-  Faircode's software and database allows clients to assess the impact of FairCode's review immediately.
-  Physician-generated queries are much more effective in obtaining responses from the facility medical staff.
-  FairCode's work complements Clinical Documentation Improvement (CDI) programs.
-  FairCode physicians conduct a daily telephone conference at the end of each shift with the facility's coding professionals .
-  FairCode never bills on a contingency basis as this may put the client on the OIG radar screen.

“ **The truth is always right !** ”

The motto sounds simple enough... but in the context of medical records coding, it's the very bottom line. **“The truth is always right.”**

The goal of FairCode Associates is to improve coding documentation and compliance for client hospitals. In order to do this, FairCode deploys a team of specially-trained doctors and coders who work as consultants with the client coders.

FairCode audits improve the accuracy of the coding, which benefits the hospital client and guides physicians toward more accurate documentation. Expected mortality rates and lengths of stay come into alignment with the actual rates and quality reports reflect the change.

The diagnosis and procedure codes dictate how the hospital is reimbursed and with more accurate coding, the client rests assured that the most appropriate payment is received for the patient care they provided. FairCode technology and human resources often layer on to the current initiatives that clients have implemented to yield substantial improvements in quality and financial metrics.

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