

HCC Coding Education Session

“Why does HCC matter to me and my practice?”

The Beaumont ACO recently hosted an education session on Hierarchical Condition Category Coding. The session was conducted by Deloitte, targeted for physicians and extended providers and practice support staff.

The session covered the factors determining a patient’s risk and cost to insurance companies, which include demographic and health status. How health status is determined was detailed for attendees with emphasis on the need to annually submit the HCC codes via claims.

This discussion highlighted the need for accurate HCC coding and documentation because of the impact on many managed care plans with the largest on the Medicare Shared Savings Program. The key takeaway from the session being the higher more detailed and accurate coding leads to increased risk scores (Sicker patient), which in turn leads to higher predicted cost of care resulting in a higher reimbursement and available shared savings in our value-based care models.

Lastly, importance was placed upon the assurance of coding support with documentation in the medical record as well as the proper ICD-10 codes submitted on claims.

This session was well received and will be made available on the Beaumont ACO website for review.

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