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APMA Coding Seminar Background

Since its formal inception in 2004, the APMA Coding Seminar has become a staple at podiatry-related meetings. For the past four years, APMA, working with state and regional components, such as the Florida Podiatric Medical Association and Region One, hosted several coding seminars. Since June 1, 2006, APMA has been offering up to eight coding seminars, a two-fold increase from the previous years, to meet the ever-increasing demand for information on coding policies specific to the practice of podiatric medicine and surgery.

The Coding Seminar includes multiple speakers and PowerPoint presentations followed by a question and answer session. The presentation content is peer-reviewed by the APMA Coding Committee members. The Coding Committee members are well-versed in the different challenges faced by members when coding for different procedures in different settings. The Coding Committee receives first-hand information on coding policies through APMA's active participation with the AMA CPT Editorial Panel, RVS Update Committee (RUC), and the National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI). The Coding Seminar also includes coding information from private insurers; information made available through the relationships APMA has fostered with private insurers.

In the most recent years, the Coding Seminars included complex coding issues, such as "DME Coding and Documentation," "Coding for Wound Care: Updates and Changes," "Introduction to ICD 10," and "How to Qualify for Health Information Technology Incentive Programs." As in the past, "Specific CPT Problems, Modifiers & V Codes" are also discussed at various state association meetings. In the upcoming year, the Coding Committee intends to again tackle difficult coding questions and issues.

We encourage you to take advantage of this great member benefit at your next state or regional meeting. The APMA Coding Seminar is designed to supplement your state or regional meeting. If you are planning on hosting a coding-only meeting with separate tuition, APMA can still assist, but we may need to discuss separate arrangements, including revenue sharing. If your state or region is interested in hosting an APMA Coding Seminar, please fill out a Coding Seminar Request Form, or contact Lauren Kyger or Scott L. Haag, JD, MSPH, Health Policy and Practice, at APMA at 301-581-9200, ext. 238 or coding.hpp@apma.org.

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