



Chiropractic
ECONOMICS

FIRST TUESDAY
@ 2pm EST • webinar series

“Red” Flag Issues in

Chiro Coding & Documentation

The Nuts & Bolts of Determining Fraud and Abuse



“Red” Flag Issues

- Databases are used to “build” provider “profiles”
- Data is just data, DUH!
- Statistical Analysis – (See Mark Twain)
- What should I be prepared for?



Most Common Chiropractic Insurance Fraud & Abuse Issues

- Evaluation & Management (CPT Codes 99201-99275)
 - > Level of Intervention is key – Consult AMA CPT Handbook
 - > Re-exams vs. normal pre-manipulation exam
 - > Office Visit/Consultation/Confirmatory Cnslt



“Red” Flag Issues

- Physical Medicine Modalities (97000 series)
 - Supervised vs. Attended vs. “Hands-on”
 - CMS’ “8 minute rule”
 - Delegation Issues (State by State)



“Red” Flag Issues

- CMT billed with Manual Therapy (97140)
 - 97140 included in AMA CPT definition of CMT
 - CCI Edits and Backlash (3/12/2002)
 - Must be separate anatomic region- anatomic origin & insertion
 - Modifier -59 may show intent to bypass standard for undue additional reimbursement



“Red” Flag Issues

- Neuromuscular Re-education (97112)
 - Nerve loss or damage
 - Proprioception & Balance – Wobble Boards & PNF stretching
 - Recent AMA CPT Assistant allows 97110-97124 in same anatomic region
 - AMA CPT Assistant notes “stroke victims” & serious trauma like an automobile accident



Other “Hot” Modalities

- FDA Medical Device Approval (510k)
- “Cold” Laser – 97039 (S8948)
- IST 97012 (Mechanical Traction)
- Decompression Therapy 97012, S9090