

5 Things to Know about MEDICAL BILLING AND CODING

Medical billers and coders perform tasks that are essential to keeping physician's offices, immediate care facilities and other medical care settings open. Sometimes billing and coding are done by the same person, depending on the facility. Here are five things you should know about medical billing and coding specialists:

International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Edition (ICD-10)

Medical coders use the ICD-10 to translate diagnoses and procedures to a corresponding international code. Doing this helps ensure that patients are billed correctly and that healthcare providers receive proper reimbursement. It also helps maintain statistics of medical conditions.



Insurance Reimbursement

Medical practices are expensive to operate on a day-to-day basis, which is why it's crucial that the practice receives proper reimbursement from insurance companies. As mentioned in the first point, accuracy in billing and coding is paramount to healthcare providers keeping their doors open.



They Serve as Intermediaries

Building on that last point, medical billers and coders often serve as points of contact between doctors and insurance companies. There are miscommunications from time to time, and billers and coders are there to sort them out.



There Is a Need

The healthcare industry employs more people than any other industry in America. Medical billers and coders are in demand and are expected to be for the foreseeable future, with a projected 13 percent increase in jobs by 2026, according to the BLS.



It Starts with Education

Most employers require medical billers and coders to have completed some form of postsecondary education. Medical billing and coding programs are available at trade schools and community colleges across the country. They usually can be finished in less than two years.



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