Final Objectives 2022-23

Coding and Nomenclature Advisory Committee

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1. Identify and analyze Medicare, Medicaid, and private payer claims processing policies that deviate from CPT principles and/or documentation guidelines and recommend strategic solutions. Track payer issues such as denials, rates, appeals, and pay for performance. Monitor the Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC), and other audit activities, and react appropriately to issues affecting emergency medicine. Monitor changes in facility reimbursement.

2. Track ICD-10 implementation and continue to provide educational material on ICD-10 for members to aid in their reimbursement. Pursue meaningful COVID-19 related codes during the public health emergency. Collaborate with content experts from the Quality & Performance Committee to ensure ACEP measures use appropriate ICD-10-CM/PCS mapping assignments. Continue to monitor the impact of ICD-10 implementation, evaluate the effect on reimbursement, and modify educational materials as needed. Investigate working with EHR vendors to improve ED documentation.

3. Continue to advocate nationally for emergency medicine issues through the AMA CPT process and through possible CMS development of physician or facility documentation guidelines. Advocate for continued use of telehealth for ED related E/M codes after the public health emergency. Monitor efforts for transparency and claims processing edits. Explore development of an ED-specific code, such as using alternative payment models (APMs), for care coordination or transition to the post-acute setting.

4. Identify and develop educational materials such as articles, webinars, and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to provide members with up-to-date information that will facilitate an effective balance between optimal coding and compliance. Explore innovative ways to provide educational material to members. Produce educational materials related to the 2023 CPT Documentation Guideline changes for ED E/M codes.