

HIM 1510 - Reimbursement Methodologies

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Course Description

1510. Reimbursement Methodologies. This course will cover information about major insurance programs and federal healthcare legislation. This course provides students with classroom activities to enrich critical thinking and problem-solving applications. Reimbursement methodologies will also cover the history, evolution, and basic knowledge of diagnosis and procedure coding systems. Reimbursement methodologies will introduce the students to reimbursement issues and systems such as the Prospective Payment System (PPS), Diagnosis Related Group (DRG), Resource-Based Relative Value Scale System (RBRVS), and Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC), Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) various billing techniques and software application programs. Coding scenarios with the utilization of encoder applications will be introduced. 3 Lecture Hours. Prereq.: HIM 1500 with a grade of C or higher. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Principles of Healthcare Reimbursement	Castro, Anne & Layman, Elizabeth	ISBN-13: 978-1-58426-915-1, ISBN-13: e-book: 978-1-58426-916-8

Also Required:

Carter, Darcy & Shaw, Patricia, Registered Health Information Technician (RHIT®) Exam Preparation, Ninth Edition, ISBN: 978-1-58426-872-7, ebook ISBN: 978-1-58426-873-4

Refer to the weekly required reading assignments listed in the Learning Materials tab within your course in Blackboard.

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Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Chapter 1: Healthcare Reimbursement and Revenue Cycle Management (pages 11-14) Chapter 9: Revenue Cycle Front End Processes - Patient Engagement Chapter 10: Revenue Cycle: Middle Processes - Resource Tracking Chapter 11: Revenue Cycle: Back-End-Claims Production and Revenue Collection	Introduction to the Healthcare Revenue Cycle	Due 8/30 at 11:59pm: Week 1 Assignment: Revenue Cycle Scenarios Part 1 Due 8/30 before midnight: Week 1 Discussion Board: Revenue Cycle Steps - Reply
8/31	Re-Read Chapter 1: Healthcare Reimbursement and Revenue Cycle Management (pages 11-14) Re-Read Chapter 9: Revenue Cycle Front End Processes - Patient Engagement Re-Read Chapter 10: Revenue Cycle: Middle Processes - Resource Tracking Re-Read Chapter 11: Revenue Cycle: Back-End Processes - Claims Production and Revenue Collection	Revenue Cycle Management and Financial Performance	Due 9/6 before 11:59:53pm: Week 2 Discussion Board: Revenue Cycle Management and Fiscal Stability - Reply Due 9/6 at 11:59pm: Week 2 Assignment: Revenue Cycle Scenarios Part 2
9/7	Chapter 3 - Government-Sponsored Healthcare Programs Reference Reading: Chapters 5–8 as needed for information about Medicare reimbursement and payment systems.	Government-Sponsored Health Plans	Due 9/9 before 11:59:26pm: Week 3 Discussion Board: Government Health Plans Due 9/13 before 11:59:02pm: Week 3 Discussion Board: Government Health Plans - Reply Due 9/13 at 11:59pm: Week 3 Assignment: Government Sponsored Health Plans Comparison
9/14	Chapter 2 – Health Insurance Re-Read Chapter 3 – Government-Sponsored Healthcare Programs	Medicare, Medicaid, and Health Information Management	Due 9/16 at 11:59pm: Week 4 Discussion Board: Medicare and Medicaid in HIM Due 9/20 before 11:59:27pm: Week 4 Discussion Board: Medicare and Medicaid in HIM - Reply Due 9/20 at 11:59pm: Week 4 Assignment: Medicare, Medicaid, & HIM
9/21	Re-Read Chapter 2 – Health Insurance	Employer-Sponsored and Commercial Health Plans	Due 9/23 before 11:59:26pm: Week 5 Discussion Board: Understanding Employer-Sponsored & Commercial Health Plans Due 9/27 before 11:59:51pm: Week 5 Discussion Board: Understanding Employer-Sponsored & Commercial Health Plans - Reply Due 9/27 at 11:59pm: Week 5 Assignment: Employee Open Enrollment Flyer/Poster



9/28	Re-Read: Chapter 9 – Revenue Cycle Front-End Processes—Patient Engagement Reference Reading: Chapter 11 – Revenue Cycle Back-End Processes—Claims Production and Revenue Collection	Medical Necessity, Prior Authorization, and Patient Access	Due 9/30 before 11:59:34pm: Week 6 Discussion Board: Medical Necessity & Prior Authorizations Due 10/4 at 11:59pm: Week 6 Discussion Board: Medical Necessity & Prior Authorizations - Reply Week 6 Assignment: Patient Access Customer Service Scenario
10/5	Re-Read Chapter 10 – Revenue Cycle Middle Processes—Resource Tracking Re-Read Chapter 5 – Medicare Hospital Acute Inpatient Services Payment System Reference Reading: Chapter 4 – Healthcare Reimbursement Methodologies		Due 10/7 before 11:59:31pm: Week 7 Discussion Board: Utilization Review Due 10/11 before 11:59:59pm: Week 7 Discussion Board: Utilization Review - Reply Due 10/11 at 11:59pm: Week 7 Assignment: Creating an Explanation of Benefits (EOB)
10/12	Chapter 14 - Healthcare Data in Action: Real-World Analysis	Application of Healthcare Reimbursement Concepts	Due 10/18 at 11:59pm: Week 8 Assignment: Reimbursement Case Study
10/19	Re-Read: Chapter 10 – Revenue Cycle Middle Processes—Resource Tracking Re-Read Chapter 11 – Revenue Cycle Back-End Processes—Claims Production and Revenue Collection Reference Reading: Re-Read Chapter 2 – Health Insurance (commercial/employer-sponsored plans) Re-Read Chapter 3 – Government-Sponsored Healthcare Programs (Medicare/Medicaid)	Healthcare Claim Forms and Submission	Due 10/21 before 11:59:46pm: Week 9 Discussion Board: Insurance Claim Forms Due 10/25 before 11:59:14pm: Week 9 Discussion Board: Insurance Claim Forms - Reply Due 10/25 at 11:59pm: Week 9 Assignment: Completing CMS-1500 and UB-04 Claim Forms
10/26	Re-Read Chapter 11 – Revenue Cycle Back-End Processes—Claims Production and Revenue Collection Reference Reading Chapter 4 – Healthcare Reimbursement Methodologies	Claims Processing and Compliance	Due 10/28 before 11:59:02pm: Week 10 Discussion Board: Claims Processing & Compliance
11/2	Chapter 12 – Post-acute Care and Other Healthcare Reimbursement Systems Chapter 4 – Healthcare Reimbursement Methodologies Reference Reading Chapter 6 – Medicare Skilled Nursing Facility Services Payment System (as applicable to the long-term care scenario)	Health Data Sets and Healthcare Reimbursement	Due 11/1 before 11:59:44pm: Week 10 Discussion Board: Claims Processing & Compliance - Reply Due 11/1 at 11:59pm: Week 10 Assignment: Revenue Cycle Claim Process Due 11/4 before 11:59:09pm: Week 11 Discussion Board: Health Data Sets
11/9	Re-Read: Chapter 10 – Revenue Cycle Middle Processes—Resource Tracking Re-Read: Chapter 11 – Revenue Cycle Back-End Processes—Claims Production and Revenue Collection Reference Reading: Re-Read: Chapter 4 – Healthcare Reimbursement Methodologies	Charge Description Master, Revenue Centers, and Patient Collections	Due 11/8 before 11:59:37pm: Week 11 Discussion Board: Health Data Sets - Reply Due 11/8 at 11:59pm: Week 11 Assignment: Patient Reimbursement Scenarios Due 11/11 before 11:59:20pm: Week 12 Discussion Board: Charge Description Master (CDM) and Revenue Centers



11/16	Websites listed in the weekly learning materials tab	Healthcare Statistics and Comparative Data	Due 11/15 before 11:59:46pm: Week 12 Discussion Board: Charge Description Master (CDM) and Revenue Centers - Reply Due 11/15 at 11:59pm: Week 12 Assignment: Improving Patient Payment Collections Due 11/18 before 11:59:56pm: Week 13 Discussion Board: Comparative Data Types
11/23	Websites listed in the weekly learning materials tab	Healthcare Statistical Formulas and Calculations	Due 11/22 before 11:59:24pm: Week 13 Discussion Board: Comparative Data Types - Reply Due 11/22 at 11:59pm: Week 13 Assignment: Statistics Exercises Part 1 Due 11/25 before 11:59:21pm: Week 14 Discussion Board: Statistical Formulas
11/30	Review the assigned section of the RHIT Exam Preparation book covering healthcare statistics, epidemiology, morbidity, mortality, and public health.	Public Health and Epidemiology	Due 11/29 before 11:59:46pm: Week 14 Discussion Board: Statistical Formulas - Reply Due 11/29 at 11:59pm: Week 14 Assignment: Statistics Exercises Part 2 Due 12/2 before 11:59:38pm: Week 15 Discussion Board: Public Health & Epidemiology
12/7	Chapter 14 - Healthcare Data in Action: Real-World Analysis	Application of Healthcare Reimbursement Concepts	Due 12/6 before 11:59:02pm: Week 15 Discussion Board: Public Health & Epidemiology - Reply Due 12/6 at 11:59pm: Week 15 Assignment: Communicable Disease Analysis Due 12/12 at 11:59pm: Week 16 Assignment: Reimbursement Case Studies

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