

**E/M Coding for Vascular Surgeons Workshop
OLC Education & Conference Center
Rosemont, IL**

Course Agenda

(Subject to Change)

7:15am – 8:00am

Registration / Continental Breakfast

8:00am – 10:30am

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- **E/M 2026 Update**
 - Risks and Benefits of Current Guidelines
 - Payor Response: Downcoding and Action Plan
 - Billing Based on Time
 - Time vs Medical decision making: What works for Vascular Surgeons
 - **Element #1: Number and Complexity of Problems Addressed**
 - Defining and Documenting the Problem
 - Acute vs Chronic, Stable vs Exacerbating
 - Document the Problem(s) and the Severity
 - **Element #2: Data to Be Reviewed and Analyzed**
 - Documenting Data: What is ordered? What is reviewed?
 - What counts as a Unique Test?
 - What counts as an External Note?
 - Who qualifies as an Independent Historian and what information counts as independent?
 - What needs to be documented to count as Independent Interpretation?
 - What counts as a Discussion of Management or Tests?
 - **Element #3: Risk of Complications and/or Morbidity or Mortality of Patient Management**
 - Defining Risk: The Treatment Plan
 - Documenting Level of Risk
 - Does Urgency or Severity of a Problem Impact Risk?
- Does the Place of Service Matter?**
- Office/Outpatient
 - Inpatient/Observation
 - Consultations
 - Same Day Admit and Discharge
 - Emergency Department

10:30am – 10:45am

Break

10:45am - 12:00pm

ICD-10 Codes

- Documentation Matters
- Avoid Unspecified

Telehealth Updates – New!

- What is New for 2026
- What can we expect in 2027?

E/M Modifiers

- Defining and Applying Modifier 25 and 57

Advanced Practice Provider/Qualified Health Care Provider (NP/PA) Billing

- Office/Outpatient: Incident To vs. Direct Billing
- Hospital: Shared Split Services. Applying Modifier FS
- Residents in Academic Institutions

12:00 pm

Adjourn / Lunch