



Implementing the Present On Admission Indicator Are You Ready?

Effective with discharges on or after October 1, 2007, acute care hospitals are required to capture a present on admission indicator. The POA is just one of the first steps in CMS' plan to tie together quality, documentation, coding, and reimbursement. The POA indicator will be used to show exactly when a condition occurred. Was the condition present on admission? Or, did it develop later and prior to discharge? It matters. Are you ready?

The present on admission indicator is effective October 1, 2007. It is required on your claims as of January 1, 2008. Effective April 1, 2008, If the POA is missing, your claim will be returned and your payment will be delayed!

This comprehensive program is intended to provide health information management directors, coding managers and staff, DRG coordinators, directors of quality and case management, patient financial services directors and your physicians with an appropriate level of information relating to the understanding of and implementation of the present on admission indicator.

This program will:

- Explain exactly what the Present on Admission Indicator is and where it came from
- Clarify the purpose of the POA indicator and the relationship between quality, documentation, coding, and reimbursement
- Describe the reimbursement implications in 2008 and going forward
- Explain the significance and importance of your documentation

PROGRAM OUTLINE

PART I: UNDERSTANDING THE BASICS

- Why?
- Background and Purpose
- Present On Admission Exemptions

PART II: WHAT IS THE PRESENT ON ADMISION INDICATOR?

- Knowing when to apply the POA indicator
- Understanding the options and how to choose the correct one
 - Yes
 - No
 - Unknown
 - Clinically Undetermined
 - Exempt from POA Reporting
- POA Guidelines and the affect on coding

Part III: IT ALL COMES DOWN TO QUALITY

- Documentation requirements
- The Query Process
- Understanding the implications of quality, documentation, coding, and reimbursement
- The impact of the POA

This program is approximately 2 hours in length and includes hands-on examples and practice in applying the present on admission indicator.

It is being offered on-site at your facility and there is no limit to the number of attendees. Upon receipt of your signed agreement and a mutually agreed upon program date and time, NJHAIS will e-mail the handouts to you in a file that you can distribute or print as appropriate.

The NJHAIS fee: \$ 1,500.00

For additional information or to schedule a program date, contact Maureen Barrie, (609) 275-4108 or complete the last page of this outline and fax it to (609) 275-4031 or return it by e-mail, mbarrie@njha.com

Sincerely,

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