2015 ICD-9-CM Expert for Skilled Nursing Facilities, Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities and Hospices, Volumes 1, 2 & 3

Let this final edition of the *ICD-9-CM Expert for Skilled Nursing Facilities, Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities and Hospices, Volumes 1, 2 & 3* with the hallmark features and content designed specifically to address the challenges of SNF, IRF, and hospice services help to meet current coding challenges and to function as a solid reference for utilizing valuable legacy ICD-9-CM coded data.

**Key Features and Benefits**

- **NEW FEATURE—AHA’s Coding Clinic topic summaries.** Review a summary of coding advice from the latest AHA Coding Clinics.

- **Optum Edge—ICD-10-CM Coding Proficiency and Documentation Self-Assessment**—Test your ICD-10-CM readiness and skills with this 50 question quiz.

- **Optum Edge—ICD-10 Spotlight.** Preview ICD codes with the most frequently reported ICD-9-CM codes to learn as you work.

- **Optum Edge—AHA’s Coding Clinic and official coding guideline tips.** Use citations to link to the official coding advice every coder in every health care setting must follow.

- **Optum Edge—Intuitive color-coded symbols and alerts.** Identify quickly critical coding and reimbursement issues specific to skilled nursing, inpatient rehabilitation, and hospices with alerts on the same page as the code you need.

- **Optum Edge—“Unspecified” and “Other” code alerts.** Find official coding guidance that suggests home health agencies avoid using diagnoses that are unspecified or vague.

- **Optum Edge—V-code symbols.** Understand the appropriate use of V-codes that may only be sequenced as first-listed diagnosis for cleaner claim submissions.

- **Optum Edge—Additional digit required symbols.** Pinpoint when an additional fourth or fifth digit is required for code specificity and validity to avoid invalid code submissions (provided in Index and Tabular Section).

- **FREE—Case mix quick-pick fast finder for home health, skilled nursing facilities, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, and hospices.** Have a quick reference list of codes at your fingertips that impact a case’s mix.

- **Optum Edge—10 Steps to Correct Coding.** Receive step-by-step instructions to improve
coding accuracy and more effectively use ICD-9-CM conventions.

- **Highlighted coding informational and instructional notes.** Recognize important code usage guidance for specific sections more easily with highlighted notes.

- **Expanded postacute coverage.** Get essential coding and reimbursement edits and resources specifically for skilled nursing facilities (SNF), inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRF), and hospices.

- **Manifestation code alert.** Properly use codes that represent manifestations of underlying disease by knowing when two codes are required and by knowing alerts to sequencing rules.

- **Wrong surgery edit.** Spot cases in which the wrong surgery was performed and are then exempt from reimbursement.

- **Illustrations and definitions.** Gain in-depth understanding of anatomy and disease processes with clinically-oriented definitions and illustrations.

Also includes these traditional hallmark features:

- **Hallmark page design and features.** Locate information quickly with a user-friendly page design, including dictionary-style headers, Quickflip™ color bleed tabs, and legend keys.

- **HIPAA compliance.** Comply with HIPAA transaction and code set requirements to avoid delayed or denied claims and costly fines for violations.

Exclusive Skilled Nursing Facility features:

- **Code of Federal Regulations 42CFR Parts; Resource Utilization Groups (RUGs).** Strengthen reporting and reimbursement by understanding patient classification groups of the new skilled nursing facility (SNF) prospective payment system (PPS).

- **Color-coding for RUG classification.** Know the ICD-9-CM diagnosis and procedure codes that may qualify an SNF patient for assignment to a particular clinical category for accurate claim submission under the new reimbursement system.

- **Official coding guidelines specific to long-term care facilities.** Ensure compliance with detailed coding guidance.

Exclusive Hospice Services features:

- **Guidelines for Medicare non-cancer hospice coverage.** Understand criteria for a non-cancer patient to be eligible for hospice care to reduce delays and denials of claim submissions.

- **Color-coding for hospice non-cancer diagnosis codes.** Know at a glance which diagnosis codes qualify a non-cancer patient for hospice care.

Exclusive Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities features:

- **Color-coding for CMG classification system.** Ensure accurate claim submission by knowing the ICD-9-CM diagnosis that may qualify an IRF patient for assignment to a particular impairment group (RIC) under the reimbursement system.

- **Symbol alerts for CC conditions.** Identify when to report a CC when the condition will impact CMG payment.

- **RIC exclusion alert.** Know when certain comorbidity and complication diagnoses are excluded as qualifying secondary conditions for specific RICs.

- **Excerpts from the *IRF Prospective Payment System Final Rule.*** Enhance revenue
forecasting by understanding the prospective payment system and how it will affect overall reimbursement of home health services.

- **Rehabilitation impairment group list.** Get a quick reference to all RICs and the diagnosis code grouped to each.

- **List of RIC comorbid conditions.** Use as a quick reference for all diagnosis codes that qualify for payment adjustments along with any specific RIC exclusions.