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Medicare Coding Resources

Thank you for taking the time today for a message on Medicare Coding Resources.

Coding professionals best handle coding questions. The Medical Policy staff and Provider Outreach & Education staff at Wisconsin Physicians Service (WPS) Medicare are not professional coders. We do from time to time help providers with coding questions as they relate to medical policy or claim denials.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Change Request (CR) 5277 addresses coding issues and states that providers should seek professional guidance for their coding questions. This Change Request is located in the *Internet Only Manual* (IOM) 100-9, Chapter 6, Section 30.1. You can access this information at the Website listed under bullet #4 on the slide.

CMS prohibits the carrier from giving providers coding advice. This slide provides you with coding resources to help you in answering your coding questions.

For questions involving Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) coding questions, you may wish to consult the American Medical Association (AMA). The AMA offers CPT Information Services (CPT-IS). The AMA's Website is provided under bullet #1 on the slide, and the CPT Information Service toll-free number is listed under bullet #2.

The American Hospital Association coding clinic will respond to your coding questions relating to Level II Health Care Procedure Coding System (HCPCS). Bullet #3 on the slide provides you with their Website address.

I hope this has helped you in understanding the coding resources that are available to you.

Thank you for your time, and have a great day!