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## Billing Hurdles and Coding

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# Today's Open Discussion

## Revenue Cycle Best Practices

- Charge Capture Processes
- Data Tracking
- Bad Data Management
- Payer Policy Monitoring
- Denial Management
- Establish KPIs and Monitor
- Coding and Documentation Auditing



# Billing Hurdles





# General Comments on Billing Hurdles

- **Third Party Billing**
- **Complexity**
- **Constant Change in Rules and Regulations**
- **Reliance on Others to capture billing data**
  - **Hospitals**
  - **Physician Offices**

# Charge Capture

- **Hospital Interfaces**
- **Changes in LIS**
- **Changes in HIS**
- **Timing**

# Payor Policy Monitoring

- **Follow Medicare Rules?**
- **Timely Filing**
- **MUE's**
- **Denials Policy**



# Denial Management

- **Standard Denial Codes**
- **Most Common Denials**
- **Denial tracking by**
  - Payor
  - CPT
  - Denial Reason
- **Prevention**

# Patient Responsibility

- **Increase in Deductibles**
- **Surprise Billing**

# Key Performance Indicators And Benchmarks

- **Net Collection %**
- **Bad Debt %**
- **Days in AR**
- **% of AR > 120 days**
- **Denial %**
- **Average Charge per CPT**
- **Average Collection per CPT**
- **All of the above by Payor**
- **All of the Above by CPT**



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- **CAP Value-Based Business Toolkits**
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## *Next steps*

- **Next Roundtable Discussion**
  - May 10, 2022 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month
  - Topic: What to do When You Make a Mistake? Get Sued?
- **Next PMN Open Discussion**
  - June 14, 2022 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month
  - Characteristics of Successful Leaders Managing Up and Down
- **Two requests**
  - Please complete survey
  - Consider volunteering to lead a future session and share your experience





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