



## **Home Care Coding Specialist – Diagnosis (HCS-D) 2009 Study Outline for the Certification Examination**

This outline is designed to provide representative examples of the issues covered on the HCS-D 2009 certification examination. It is not inclusive of every issue addressed within the examination.

***Important Note: The HCS-D exam follows the OASIS Implementation Manual instructions for coding in M0246.***

### **OASIS, Coding and relationship to PPS**

Diagnosis Related Forms – OASIS, POC, UB-04

M0190, M0210, M0230, M0240

M0246

Case-mix and case-mix diagnosis

Upcoding

Surgical codes, volume 3 (there will be no coding of surgical procedures)

Changes in diagnosis coding after January 1, 2008

Placement of V and E codes in OASIS

### **Basic Coding Concepts**

Selecting principal and secondary diagnosis codes

Manifestation coding and conventions for identifying manifestation codes

Coding Conventions, such as essential modifiers, italics,  
NOS, NEC

V Code Changes effective December 1, 2005

Appropriate use of V codes

Sequencing, including application of coding conventions  
and critical thinking

Coding symptoms appropriately

Proximal vs. underlying conditions

Conditions integral to main condition

## **Application of Coding Concepts to Home Care**

Surgical aftercare, surgical wounds and coding the conditions responsible for surgery

Complication codes vs. aftercare V code assignment vs.  
late effects

Injury and trauma codes

CVAs in Home Health issues

V09 series

Manifestations of Diabetes and choosing the correct 5th digit

Acute fracture coding

Severity table for diagnosis codes, OASIS

Neoplasms—primary and secondary malignancies

Medical Terminology issues are incorporated in scenarios

Diagnostic Statements

Heart Failure

*Note on testing: Case-mix lists will **not** be provided to test-takers with the new exams. All major publishers include notations within the book text of what codes are case-mix. This will be sufficient to work with the exam.*