



## **Advanced Coding Specialist – Radiology (ACS-RA)**

As a service to candidates, this outline is designed to provide representative examples of the coding and billing issues covered on the ACS-RA examination. While it should serve as a guide for test preparation, you should not consider it inclusive of every issue addressed within the examination.

### **Examination Outline**

#### **Radiology Documentation/Compliance Issues**

- Ordering of diagnostic studies
- Medical necessity requirements for diagnostic studies
- Documentation guidelines for documenting diagnostic radiological studies
- Protocols
- National Correct Coding Initiative
  - Unbundling
  - Inclusive Service Determiners
  - Modifier Indicators

#### **Diagnostic Imaging**

- Plain films
- CT/CTA
- MRI/MRA
- Mammography
- DEXA
- Modifiers
- HCPCS Codes

#### **Interventional Radiology**

- Angiography
  - Aorta
  - Extremities
  - Abdomen
  - Head & Neck
- Transcatheter Therapy
- IVC Filter Placement
- AV Dialysis Graft Therapy
- Biopsies
- ESI Injections

#### **Ultrasounds**

- Complete vs. Limited studies
- Abdomen & Retroperitoneal
- OB Pelvic U/S
- Vascular U/S
- Transvaginal U/S

**PET and Nuclear Medicine**

- PET Scans
- Lymphatic System
- Pulmonary System
- Cardiovascular System
- GI System
- Urinary System

**HCPCS Codes and Category III CPT Codes**

- Radiopharmaceuticals
- Screening studies

**Diagnosis Coding**

- Nonunion fractures
- Compound fractures
- Lipomas
- Adenocarcinoma of specified site
- Occluded AV grafts