



## **Specialty Coding Professional – Pain Management (SCP-PM)**

As a service to candidates, this outline is designed to provide representative examples of the concepts covered on the SCP-PM examination. While it should serve as a guide for test preparation, it should not be considered inclusive of every procedure or issue addressed within the examination.

### **Examination Outline**

#### **Pain Management Terms and Abbreviations, i.e. Anatomy and Diagnoses**

- EMG
- RSD
- Facet
- Intrathecal
- Spinous Process

#### **General Coding and Billing Principles**

- CPT Instructions and parenthetical notes
- Place of service
- CCI Edit
- Payer Rules / Regulations

#### **Evaluation and Management Coding**

- 1995 and 1997 guidelines (will be provided for reference)
- E/M Categories
  - New vs. Established, Inpatient versus Office/Outpatient
- E/M Levels of Service
- Consultations: Inpatient and outpatient

#### **Procedure Coding**

Includes Pain management modifiers and applicable E&M coding

- Injections
  - Epidural injections
  - Facet joint injections
  - Soft tissue injections
  - Chemodenervation
- Neurolysis/Destructive Procedures
  - Chemical injections
  - Radiofrequency destruction
- Radiology & Radiological Guidance
  - Component coding
  - Epidurography

- Other Interventional Pain Management
  - Implanted medication pump procedures
  - IDET
  - Vertebroplasty
- Electrodiagnostic Services
  - Electromyography
  - Nerve Conduction Testing
- Psychological Pain Management
  - Psychiatric interview
  - Psychotherapy
- Other Pain Management Procedures
  - Physical medicine modalities
  - Acupuncture
- Modifiers
  - CPT Modifiers
  - HCPCS Modifiers

### **Diagnosis Coding**

- Application of ICD-9-CM Guidelines
- Pain symptoms
- Spinal disorders
- Common comorbid conditions
- Complications
- Adverse drug reactions
- Late effect coding
- V and E codes

### **HCPCS Coding**

- Medication/Drug coding
- Calculation of correct units for billing
- Supply coding