Critical Access Hospitals are cost-based reimbursed so that coding, billing and associated reimbursement requirements thus differ from PPS hospitals. Among the special features available to CAHs is Method II billing. Method II offers CAHs the opportunity to join with physicians and practitioners to enhance professional reimbursement and thus overall reimbursement. However, with the Method II billing opportunity there are challenges relative to coding, billing, documentation and the chargemaster. A different philosophical approach to the chargemaster is needed with due consideration to CMS coding and billing requirements, particularly Method II billing.

Learning Objectives:
- Review the reimbursement process for Critical Access Hospitals
- Appreciate the differences in coding and billing for CAHs as compared to PPS hospitals
- Explore the features and requirements of Method II billing
- Understand how physicians code and bill for services
• Appreciate the special coding and billing requirements for physicians using MPFS (Medicare Physician Fee Schedule)
• Review how to set up the chargemaster to accommodate professional coding and billing
• Appreciate special billing requirements for information that is on the 1500 claim form but not on the UB-04
• Be able to track for correct reimbursement under Method II billing
• Understand additional compliance requirements for CAHs and the impact on coding, billing and reimbursement
• Appreciate the critical coding interface to the chargemaster

TARGET AUDIENCE
CAH Coding Personnel, Billing and Claims Transaction Personnel, Nursing Staff, Outpatient Service Area Personnel, Chargemaster Coordinators, Financial Analysts, Compliance Personnel, Physicians, Practitioners and Other Interested Personnel

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