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WPHFMA Holiday Event

Thursday, November 30th

Treesdale Golf & Country Club
Gibsonia, PA 15044

Annual Medicare Update Seminar

Sponsored by Center for Healthcare Solutions
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Friday, October 27, 2023

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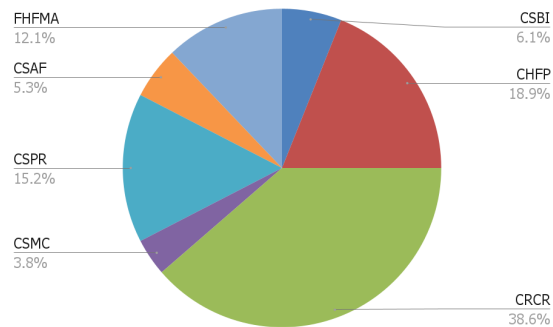
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National News

[New Data Illustrate Essential Hospitals' Severe Financial Challenges](#)

[Newsweek's America's Best Ambulatory Surgery Centers 2024](#)

[Cigna Group to Pay \\$172 Million to Resolve False Claims Act Allegations](#)

[Rite Aid is Closing Nearly 100 Stores, With More to Follow, as Part of its Bankruptcy. See the List](#)

[HHS and Pfizer Reach Agreement to Increase Patient Access to Paxlovid](#)

HFMA News

[Hospitals Push Back on Senate Report that Calls Out Lack of Spending on Charity Care](#)

[Healthcare Labor Union Activity Gains Steam: The Consequences for Hospitals and Health Systems](#)

[HHS: Insurers Won't be Penalized if They Don't Update Their No Surprises Act Qualifying Payment Amounts as Required](#)

Live Webinars

[Oct 31: Financial Impact of Remote Care Management - Case Study](#)

Healthcare leaders and organizations are uniquely positioned to embrace innovation and

focus on creative ways to reduce hospital length of stay (LOS). This webinar describes how a simple concept of moving "functions" of care management remotely produced improved outcomes in areas not initially anticipated, resulting in more than just a financial return on investment. Learn firsthand from a healthcare organization and a revenue cycle provider as they take you through a case study and share how they were able not only to reduce LOS but also to increase retention, maximize bed capacity and ensure efficient patient throughput. These strategies will enable your organization to provide positive patient, staff and organizational outcomes. Sponsored by: AMN Healthcare

[Nov 1: The Big Picture: Month-End Close \(October 2023\)](#)

Our monthly financial results do not occur in a vacuum. They are the product of various economic, social, political, and other macro-environmental forces that regularly combine with business strategy to yield a profit or loss. Unfortunately, the demands of daily finance and accounting work often disconnect us from the "bigger picture." This webinar will help healthcare leaders keep their finger on the pulse of change and put their monthly operating results into context. Monitor the latest news and trends in healthcare finance. Identify ways to narrate your business performance for a larger audience.

[Nov 2: 10 Ways to Accelerate Your Claims](#)

Is your organization struggling to get money in the door? If you're in healthcare, the answer is yes. It's time to accelerate your payment period. This webinar will offer revenue cycle best practices for improving your overall claims process, with strategies from the front desk to the back office. Learn how to analyze your revenue cycle holistically and concentrate your efforts on strategic areas of improvement — getting the right information at the right time, decreasing errors and denials, sending out cleaner claims, focusing on smarter follow-up, reducing the number of touches. You know your processes better than anyone. This webinar will help you make them even more effective and efficient. Sponsored by: AKASA

[Nov 8: The Latest on Healthcare Price Transparency](#)

Join this webinar to hear from leading experts on the latest requirements and impacts of federal healthcare price transparency. From the latest on why some hospitals have incurred purposes, enforcement measures, foresights into mandatory templates and new transparency requirements on the horizon. Also hear how price transparency may be impacting hospital and health system negotiations with payers and pricing strategies. In partnership with American Health Information Management Association.

[Nov 9: Overcome Workforce Challenges: Improve the Patient Experience](#)

The healthcare industry has been facing various workforce challenges that have significantly impacted the patient experience, including the handling of payments. As patients age and technology improves, it is important not to leave any patient behind but to meet patients where they are by providing options for their preferred payment and communication methods. Learn firsthand from two healthcare organizations and a payment service provider about the importance of continuing to prioritize the patient experience while navigating through the post-pandemic era challenges. Identify ways to adopt technology that supports the financial health of your organization while enhancing the patient experience. Sponsored by: US Bank

[Nov 16: Navigating Denial Prevention: Insights for Impactful Results](#)

In the realm of denial management, 31% of healthcare finance professionals say they prioritize denial prevention, yet this isn't where they allocate the bulk of their revenue cycle resources. Due to the persistence of outdated technology and predominantly manual processes, denial claims remain a pervasive industry challenge. Left unaddressed, these denials can result in an average loss of up to 5% of net patient revenue. To proactively manage denials, healthcare organizations must establish a robust strategy that integrates the right insights, tools and resources to effectively stay ahead of this issue. Sponsored

[Dec 5: Region 8 HFMA: Current Issues in Business Ethics 2023](#)

Boz Bostrom will provide participants with an update on business ethics issues. There will be a focus on learning from real-world ethical violations involving accounting and finance professionals.

[Dec 6: The Big Picture: Month-End Close \(November 2023\)](#)

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[Dec 7: Decoding Patient Financial Trends](#)

In the ever-changing landscape of healthcare finance, grasping the shifting consumer perspective on how providers engage financially with patients is crucial for sustained success in 2024. Join Erlanger Health System and CarePayment experts as they decode trends in patient financial engagement from 2023, and how Understanding these trends can pave the way for provider success in 2024. Sponsored by: CarePayment

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