A-Life Medical’s Computer-assisted Coding Solution, Actus®, Streamlines the Coding Process

A-Life is the pioneer and leading provider of computer-assisted coding (CAC) solutions for the healthcare industry. Our inpatient and outpatient coding solution, Actus®, modernizes medical coders’ daily tasks by assisting them with the automation of ICD-9-CM and CPT® code assignment while streamlining coder workflow. Actus Inpatient and Outpatient is the most widely accepted CAC product in the healthcare industry today. Actus was specifically designed and developed for hospital coders and health information management (HIM) departments to aid in addressing the difficulties and growing demands of inpatient and outpatient coding operations.

LifeCode®

LifeCode®, our proprietary and patented Natural Language Processing (NLP) technology, serves as the platform for all our CAC solutions. LifeCode leverages more than 10 million medical facts and can understand and interpret the English language similar to that of a human, including syntax and grammar. The entire text-based medical record is read, reviewed and automatically assigned compliant ICD-9-CM and CPT® codes allowing coders to quickly and accurately audit the LifeCode engine’s code assignments. LifeCode is positioned to assist coders’ in review of compliant ICD-10 assignment prior to the October 2013 mandate.

Actus® Inpatient and Outpatient Computer-Assisted Coding

The Actus hospital product will streamline your entire inpatient and outpatient coding operation. Actus unifies hybrid medical records by presenting the coder with one consolidated view of the case. This includes all electronic medical records and scanned image documentation pertinent to the coding process. The integrated scanned image viewer allows for coder annotation of scanned image documents so that specific portions within the documentation can be highlighted and properly associated to assigned codes. This traceability to each code allows for easy follow-up during internal and external case audits that comply with Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) initiatives and other regulatory programs.
Actus Inpatient and Outpatient includes a comprehensive up-front medical necessity screening process by providing CPT® comparisons and edit information at the time of coding, including Correct Coding Initiatives (CCI) and Medical Necessity (NCD/LCD) edits. This significantly reduces denials and re-billing, allowing for revenue cycle improvements and timely reimbursement.

The Actus Executive Dashboard and Reports provides managers with valuable real-time information that monitors coder productivity and evaluates outstanding case dollar values and number of cases by coding status.

Benefits of Actus CAC

**Increased Coder Productivity**
- Reduce or eliminate coding backlogs, overtime and contract coding services dependencies

**Improved Coding Accuracy**
- Identify and capture ICD-9-CM and CPT® codes based on clinical documentation
- Correctly capture Case Mix Index (CMI)
- Decrease external audit dependency and costs

**More Consistency**
- Less room for coder interpretation
- Improve quality of less experienced coders bridging the coder experience gap

**Increased Revenue & Reduced Expenses**
- Shorten revenue cycle
- Decrease number of denials and re-bills
- Reduce administrative costs

**Enhanced Compliance**
- Complete traceability of codes to document for internal and external auditing
- Decrease vulnerability to Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) program

Since 1999, A-Life has provided tremendous benefits to its clients by optimizing reimbursements for billing services, physician groups, hospitals and university medical centers. Find out why coders and billers have made A-Life’s computer-assisted coding products, the most widely adopted and implemented solutions available in the healthcare industry today.

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