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## **New Sinclair Workshops Prepare Health Care Workers for Medical Coding Changes**

Dayton, Ohio – Sinclair Workforce Development has announced three new workshops designed for medical professionals who need to understand the basic structure, guidelines and coding protocols of the latest revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS) for diagnosis and procedural coding. The workshops, designed for those with some experience and knowledge of ICD-9-CM coding, will be offered in April and May at Sinclair’s Miami Valley Research Park facility in Kettering.

The federal government mandated that ICD-10-CM will replace ICD-9-CM for diagnosis coding in all types of healthcare services and that ICD-10-PCS will replace ICD-9-CM procedure codes for inpatient procedural coding on Oct. 1, 2014. Due to significant differences in structure and coding protocols from their predecessors, healthcare professionals will need to understand how to navigate the new classifications properly in order to receive timely and correct reimbursement.

“The financial consequences of this change for all healthcare providers could be significant,” said Barbara Wallace, Chairperson of the Health Information Management Program at Sinclair. “Diagnosis and procedure codes drive most of the payment methodologies presently in use and a lack of knowledge of the new coding system could negatively affect the bottom line. These workshops will deliver the skills that medical providers need to receive payment for the services they provide.”

Working in partnership with major area hospitals, physician’s offices and a variety of post-acute care facilities, Sinclair Workforce Development currently offers a mastery-level, 6-day, ICD-10-CM and ICD-PCS course for credentialed hospital coders. As industry demand for this training has continued to grow, Sinclair has leveraged its resources and experience to develop in-person training across the following specialties:

- NEW Coding for Physician Practices & Medical Billing Professionals (ICD-10-CM) – One day workshop, April 29
- NEW Coding for Hospital-Based Healthcare Professionals (ICD-10-CM & PCS) – Two day workshop, April 29-30
- NEW Coding for Post-Acute Care Professionals (ICD-10-CM) – Two day workshop, May 6-7
- CONTINUED Coding for Mastery-Level Hospital coders (ICD-10-CM & PCS) – Six day workshop

The workshop curriculum includes an introduction to the structure of ICD-10, significant differences from ICD-9, the format of ICD-10 codes, coding conventions and guidelines, practice coding, and more. Those that complete the workshop are eligible for continuing education credits from the American Health Information Management Association.

To register, or for more information, please call 937-252-9787 or email [workforcedevelopment@sinclair.edu](mailto:workforcedevelopment@sinclair.edu).

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