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CARD 01-001 | TERM

AAPC

Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery

CARD 01-001 | DEFINITION

Professional association offering medical coding education and credentials, including the CPC credential.

CARD 01-002 | TERM

Adjudication

Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery

CARD 01-002 | DEFINITION

A payer's review of a claim to decide coverage, payment, adjustment, or denial.

CARD 01-003 | TERM

Charge Capture

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CARD 01-003 | DEFINITION

Recording services and supplies provided so they can be billed accurately.

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CARD 01-004 | TERM

CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services)

Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery

CARD 01-004 | DEFINITION

Federal agency that administers Medicare and oversees Medicaid with states, along with other health programs.

CARD 01-005 | TERM

Compliance

Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery

CARD 01-005 | DEFINITION

Following applicable laws, coding rules, payer requirements, and ethical standards.

CARD 01-006 | TERM

CPC (Certified Professional Coder)

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CARD 01-006 | DEFINITION

A credential awarded by AAPC for demonstrated knowledge of physician and outpatient medical coding.

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CARD 01-007 | TERM	CARD 01-007 | DEFINITION
CPT (Current Procedural Terminology) Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	The AMA's code set describing medical, surgical, and diagnostic procedures and services.
CARD 01-008 | TERM	**CARD 01-008 | DEFINITION**
Denial Management Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Investigating denied claims, correcting appropriate errors, and following appeal procedures when warranted.
CARD 01-009 | TERM	**CARD 01-009 | DEFINITION**
Documentation Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	The provider's recorded account of the patient's condition, evaluation, treatment, and services.

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CARD 01-010 | TERM	CARD 01-010 | DEFINITION
Downcoding Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Reporting a lower service level than the documentation supports; may also describe a payer's reduction of the billed level.
CARD 01-011 | TERM	**CARD 01-011 | DEFINITION**
EHR (Electronic Health Record) Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	A digital patient record used to document and share health information within authorized care workflows.
CARD 01-012 | TERM	**CARD 01-012 | DEFINITION**
False Claims Act Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	A federal law addressing knowingly false or fraudulent claims for government payment; legal knowledge includes more than intentional lying.

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CARD 01-013 | TERM	CARD 01-013 | DEFINITION
Fraud Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Intentional deception or misrepresentation to obtain an unauthorized benefit or payment.

CARD 01-014 | TERM	CARD 01-014 | DEFINITION
HCPCS Level II Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	An alphanumeric code set identifying many supplies, drugs, equipment, and services outside CPT's scope.

CARD 01-015 | TERM	CARD 01-015 | DEFINITION
ICD-10-CM Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification: the U.S. diagnosis classification.

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CARD 01-016 | TERM

Medical Coding

Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery

CARD 01-016 | DEFINITION

Translating documented diagnoses, procedures, and services into standardized codes.

CARD 01-017 | TERM

OIG (Office of Inspector General)

Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery

CARD 01-017 | DEFINITION

An oversight office; HHS OIG investigates misconduct and protects the integrity of federal health programs.

CARD 01-018 | TERM

Revenue Cycle

Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery

CARD 01-018 | DEFINITION

The administrative and financial process from patient registration through claim submission, payment, and follow-up.

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CARD 01-019 | TERM	CARD 01-019 | DEFINITION
Unbundling Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Improperly reporting component services separately when a comprehensive code is required.
CARD 01-020 | TERM	**CARD 01-020 | DEFINITION**
Upcoding Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Reporting a higher or more expensive service than the documentation and coding rules support.
CARD 01-021 | TERM	**CARD 01-021 | DEFINITION**
Reimbursement Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Payment for a covered health care service, subject to the payer's rules and the submitted claim.

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CARD 01-022 | TERM	CARD 01-022 | DEFINITION
Medical billing Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Preparing, submitting, and following up on claims and patient balances for health care services.
CARD 01-023 | TERM	**CARD 01-023 | DEFINITION**
SOAP note Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	A clinical note organized as Subjective, Objective, Assessment, and Plan.
CARD 01-024 | TERM	**CARD 01-024 | DEFINITION**
Operative report Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	The surgeon's documented account of the procedure, findings, techniques, and outcome.

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CARD 01-025 | TERM	CARD 01-025 | DEFINITION
Discharge summary Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	A summary of the hospital course, diagnoses, treatment, and instructions at discharge.
CARD 01-026 | TERM	**CARD 01-026 | DEFINITION**
Radiology report Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	The documented interpretation of an imaging examination.
CARD 01-027 | TERM	**CARD 01-027 | DEFINITION**
Laboratory report Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	The documented results of tests on patient specimens.

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CARD 01-028 | TERM	CARD 01-028 | DEFINITION
Pathology report Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	A report describing examination of tissue or cells and the pathologist's findings.
CARD 01-029 | TERM	**CARD 01-029 | DEFINITION**
Consultation letter Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	A specialist's communication of an assessment and recommendations to the requesting provider.
CARD 01-030 | TERM	**CARD 01-030 | DEFINITION**
Coding error Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	An inaccurate code assignment; an error alone does not establish intentional fraud.

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CARD 01-031 | TERM	CARD 01-031 | DEFINITION
Negligence Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Failure to exercise the care reasonably expected under the circumstances.
CARD 01-032 | TERM	**CARD 01-032 | DEFINITION**
COC Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Certified Outpatient Coder: an AAPC credential focused on hospital outpatient coding.
CARD 01-033 | TERM	**CARD 01-033 | DEFINITION**
CIC Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Certified Inpatient Coder: an AAPC credential focused on hospital inpatient coding.

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CARD 01-034 | TERM	CARD 01-034 | DEFINITION
CCS	Certified Coding Specialist: an AHIMA credential addressing hospital coding knowledge.
Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	

CARD 01-035 | TERM	CARD 01-035 | DEFINITION
CPC-A	The CPC apprentice designation used before AAPC's applicable experience requirements are met.
Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	

CARD 01-036 | TERM	CARD 01-036 | DEFINITION
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act: a law including privacy, security, and administrative simplification provisions.
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CARD 01-037 | TERM	CARD 01-037 | DEFINITION
PHI Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Protected health information: identifiable health information protected under HIPAA in covered contexts.

CARD 01-038 | TERM	CARD 01-038 | DEFINITION
ePHI Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Electronic protected health information.

CARD 01-039 | TERM	CARD 01-039 | DEFINITION
Minimum necessary Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Limiting covered uses, disclosures, and requests for PHI to what is reasonably needed; exceptions apply, including certain treatment disclosures.

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CARD 01-040 | TERM	CARD 01-040 | DEFINITION
Medicare Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	A federal health insurance program serving eligible older adults and certain younger people with qualifying conditions.
CARD 01-041 | TERM	**CARD 01-041 | DEFINITION**
Medicaid Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	A joint federal-state health coverage program with state-specific eligibility and benefits.
CARD 01-042 | TERM	**CARD 01-042 | DEFINITION**
Medical necessity Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Whether a service meets the applicable payer's standards for reasonable and necessary care.

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CARD 01-043 | TERM	CARD 01-043 | DEFINITION
NCD Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	National Coverage Determination: a national Medicare coverage policy for an item or service.

CARD 01-044 | TERM	CARD 01-044 | DEFINITION
LCD Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Local Coverage Determination: a Medicare contractor's local coverage policy for its jurisdiction.

CARD 01-045 | TERM	CARD 01-045 | DEFINITION
ABN Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Advance Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage: a notice used in applicable Medicare situations before a service to explain possible patient financial responsibility.

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CARD 01-046 | TERM	CARD 01-046 | DEFINITION
RBRVS Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Resource-Based Relative Value Scale: a method of valuing physician services using work, practice expense, and malpractice expense components.

CARD 01-047 | TERM	CARD 01-047 | DEFINITION
RVU Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Relative value unit: a measure of a service's relative resources within a payment methodology.