

**MA 168 Course Outline as of Fall 2019****CATALOG INFORMATION**

Dept and Nbr: MA 168 Title: MEDICAL INSUR BILLING  
 Full Title: Basic Medical Office Insurance Billing  
 Last Reviewed: 2/14/2022

Units		Course Hours per Week		Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours Total	
Maximum	1.50	Lecture Scheduled	1.50	17.5	Lecture Scheduled	26.25
Minimum	1.50	Lab Scheduled	0	6	Lab Scheduled	0
		Contact DHR	0		Contact DHR	0
		Contact Total	1.50		Contact Total	26.25
		Non-contact DHR	0		Non-contact DHR	0

Total Out of Class Hours: 52.50

Total Student Learning Hours: 78.75

Title 5 Category: AA Degree Applicable

Grading: Grade Only

Repeatability: 00 - Two Repeats if Grade was D, F, NC, or NP

Also Listed As:

Formerly: MA 68.1

**Catalog Description:**

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**Prerequisites/Corequisites:**

Course Completion of HLC 160 and LIR 10

**Recommended Preparation:**

Eligibility for ENGL 1A or equivalent or appropriate placement based on AB705 mandates

**Limits on Enrollment:****Schedule of Classes Information:**

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Transfer Credit:

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**ARTICULATION, MAJOR, and CERTIFICATION INFORMATION:**

<b>AS Degree:</b>	<b>Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU GE:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>IGETC:</b>	<b>Transfer Area</b>	Effective:	Inactive:
<b>CSU Transfer:</b>		Effective:	Inactive:
<b>UC Transfer:</b>		Effective:	Inactive:

**CID:**

**Certificate/Major Applicable:**

Both Certificate and Major Applicable

**COURSE CONTENT**

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Describe the major types of health insurance plans and use appropriate medical insurance billing and coding terminology.
2. Analyze the claims process, pre-service authorization, patient and medical office responsibilities and guidelines for major insurance claims.
3. Accurately complete a variety of health insurance claim forms extracting information from medical records and choosing appropriate diagnostic and procedural codes.

**Objectives:**

Students will be able to:

1. Define common insurance medical and diagnostic terms.
2. Describe the major federal, state, and private health insurance plans.
3. Extract from patient records information for completing insurance plans.
4. List criteria for eligibility, benefits, payments, time lines, billing limitations, deductibles, and forms for major plans.
5. Explain the procedures and criteria for prior authorizations for major plans.
6. Correctly choose appropriate coding books according to plan/billing regulations.
7. Describe the differences between procedural and diagnostic coding books.
8. Code basic levels of service and procedures properly, using the appropriate coding books and specific guidelines for each plan.
9. Accurately complete a series of health insurance claims for various plans, given patient's chart notes.
10. Interpret benefits received and apply correctly to patient and office accounting records.
11. Fill out a prior authorization form.
12. Interpret Explanation of Benefits/Remittance Advice.
13. Identify fraud and abuse regulations.
14. Understand medical necessity as it relates to insurance claims.
15. Understanding changing healthcare regulations as they occur.

**Topics and Scope:**

- I. Introduction to Medical Insurance
  - A. Types of medical insurance
  - B. Terminology of medical insurance
  - C. Introduction to procedural and diagnostic coding
- II. The Health Insurance Claim Form
  - A. Claims process
  - B. Pre service authorizations
  - C. Patient responsibilities
  - D. Medical office responsibilities
  - E. Preparation of the form: procedures, instructions
  - F. Requirements of the three major fiscal agents
  - G. Special problems: abstracting information, timelines, legal implications
- III. Major Types of Health Care Insurance Plans such as
  - A. MediCal/Medicaid/CSMP/Partnership Health Plan
  - B. Medicare/Medi-Medi
  - C. Blue Cross/Blue Shield
  - D. HMO'S, PPO'S, IPO'S (Health Maintenance Organizations, Preferred Provider Organizations, Independent Provider Organizations)
  - E. Disability: Workers Compensation
- IV. Criteria and Guidelines for Major Plans
  - A. Benefits and eligibility
  - B. Participating providers' responsibilities
  - C. Schedules of deductibles and fee payments for major plans ( i.e. Medicare and Military)
  - D. Covered services
  - E. Pre-authorization regulations and procedures
  - F. Billing limitations and timelines
  - G. Procedural and diagnostic coding requirements
- V. Changes in Healthcare
  - A. Affordable Care Act (ACA)
  - B. Healthcare delivery changes
  - C. Implementation and navigation of the ACA

**Assignment:**

1. Read 30-50 pages of text per week
2. Review 10-20 questions for each assigned chapter
3. Complete 8-10 exercises related to developing beginning skills in correctly identifying procedural and diagnostic codes obtained from patient records
4. Prepare 4-6 typed insurance claims for representation of major insurance plans
5. Complete 1-2 written prior authorization forms
6. Identify diagnostic and procedural information from 2-4 patient charts for completion of insurance claims
7. Quizzes (3-6) and final exam
8. Paper 2-3 pages, on changes in healthcare

**Methods of Evaluation/Basis of Grade:**

**Writing:** Assessment tools that demonstrate writing skills and/or require students to select, organize and explain ideas in writing.

Coding exercises, typed insurance claims, changes in healthcare paper, written prior authorization forms

Writing  
20 - 35%

**Problem Solving:** Assessment tools, other than exams, that demonstrate competence in computational or non-computational problem solving skills.

Homework problems: chapter questions, identification of procedural and diagnostic codes

Problem solving  
10 - 30%

**Skill Demonstrations:** All skill-based and physical demonstrations used for assessment purposes including skill performance exams.

None

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0 - 0%

**Exams:** All forms of formal testing, other than skill performance exams.

Quizzes and final exam

Exams  
40 - 70%

**Other:** Includes any assessment tools that do not logically fit into the above categories.

None

Other Category  
0 - 0%

### **Representative Textbooks and Materials:**

Understanding Health Insurance: A Guide to Billing and Reimbursement. 14th ed. Green, Michelle. 2019