

Frequently Overlooked Items/Services in Hospital Charge Capture



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Agenda

Today we will cover:

- Review Charge Capture Process
- Identify points in the process that can result in leakage
- Identify high volume items of leakage
- Identify high-cost items of leakage
- Use of software to ensure all opportunities are reconciled

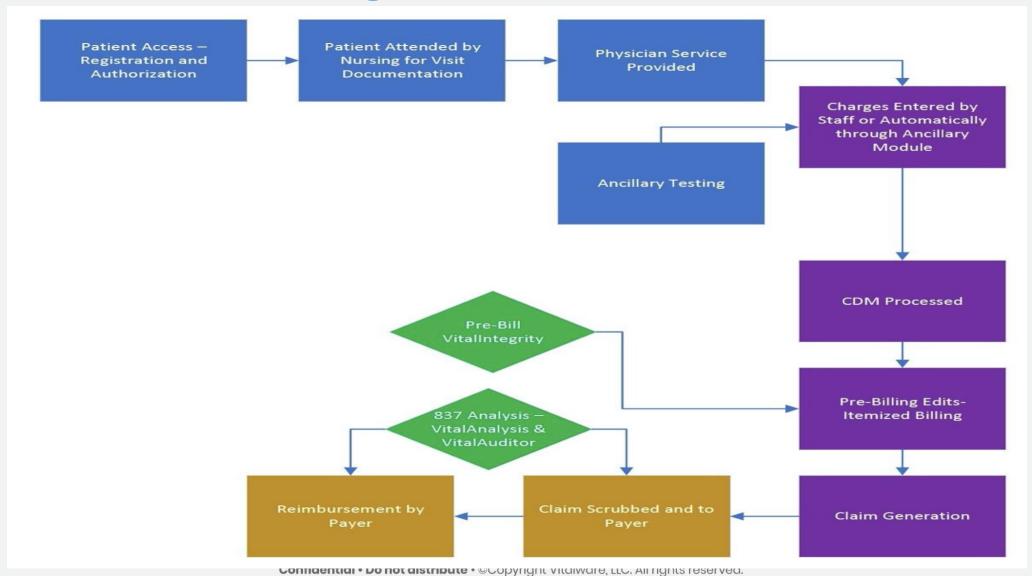
Objectives

Today we will cover:

- Understand the charge capture process
- Be able to identify charge leakage at its root
- Be able to state two area of significant leakage
- Understanding supply coding implications'

Overview of Charge Capture

Charge Capture Flow



Charge Leakage with Patient Access

Setting the Stage for Success Begins in Access

- Patient Access can make or break a claim
- Key elements that can cause a claim to fail payor edits are:
 - Lack of eligibility
 - Lack of authorization for a service or incomplete authorization
 - Failed demographics
 - Can result in claim error or failure to process at payor
 - Revenue Cycle Intelligence quotes in their article these can be as high as 25% (1 in 4)

Keys to Success

- Focus on training for patient access
- Ensure they are continuously reviewed and re-trained on errors found
- Look at the technology for eligibility is it in one platform or many (i.e Blue Cross, State Medicaid or one platform)
- Use analytics to tie denials to root causes for remediation in failure of eligibility, demographics or authorization
- Each failure identified must be added to a systematic root cause evaluation process

Medical Necessity

- While predominantly a Medicare action, most commercial payors also require some form of medical necessity
- Medical necessity derives it's origin from Social Security Act
 - Sec. 1862. [42 U.S.C. 1395y]
 - (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, no payment may be made under part A or part B for any expenses incurred for items or services—
 - (1)(A) which, except for items and services described in a succeeding subparagraph, are not reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member,

Medical Necessity

- Medical Necessity must be achieved prior to the provision of the service
- If Medicare is likely to deny based on medical necessity guideline(s) then an ABN must be provided unless statutorily excluded service.
- ABN requirements are specified in 100.04 Chapter 30 Limitations on Liability
 - https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/Downloads/clm104c30.pdf



Pre-Service Keys to Success

Registration

- Demographics must be accurate focus on cell phone number
- Ask probing questions don't validate by repeating what is in the system
- Ensure insurer or guardian is correct
- Review eligibility for insurance plan
- Ensure that any planned procedures have authorizations
 - Don't accept the physicians office they get their own and it doesn't always transfer to the hospital services

Charge Leakage in Clinical Areas

What Can You Charge For

- In a facility there are five major buckets that you can charge for:
 - **1. Procedures** (generally 10,000 69,999 CPT codes)
 - 2. Services (lab, radiology, medical procedures and E & M CPT 70,000 99,xxx)
 - **3. Pharmacy** (generally 250, 255, 636 J codes and 637 revenue codes)
 - 4. Supplies (generally a HCPCS code or revenue code 27x)
 - In addition for inpatients room and board as designated by room type revenue code
- In all cases the CDM must contain a line item to charge for the item or even with a CPT code on the claim you might miss revenue earned (especially for commercial payors)

Charge Capture in 2021

Charge capture in 2021

- Make sure root causes of leakage are remediated
- Try to control costs associated with patient care
- Many of the charges are not reimbursable but the cost still exists diminishing the bottom line
- Facilities are looking at controlling practice patterns and supply chain to ensure costs are addressed
- The new definition
 - Charges Cost = Revenue
 - Charges reviewed for lost charges
 - Cost reviewed for overutilization and practice patterns

OPPS Packaging Focuses on Cost

- Packaging also encourages hospitals to effectively negotiate with manufacturers and suppliers to reduce the purchase price of items and services or to explore alternative group purchasing arrangements, thereby encouraging the most economical health care delivery. Similarly, packaging encourages hospitals to establish protocols that ensure that necessary services are furnished, while scrutinizing the services ordered by practitioners to maximize the efficient use of hospital resources. Packaging payments into larger payment bundles promotes the predictability and accuracy of payment for services over time.
 - [OPPS Final Rule Federal Register/Vol. 84, No. 218/Tuesday, November 12, 2019/Rules and Regulations 61173]

Focus on Supply

- Within the charge capture series, we will separately focus on individual areas such as pharmacy, procedures, services but today focusing on supplies
- Supplies represent a large percentage of the institution cost to provide services
- Seldom separately reimbursed
- Edit creation from supply to procedure act as a trigger to find missing procedures and services based on supply used

Types of Supplies - Facility

- Never chargeable
 - Equipment, DME (without license)
- Non-separately chargeable / routine
- Separately chargeable but not reimbursable
- Separately chargeable and reimbursable
 - Devices

Non-Chargeable

- These represent capital equipment generally or DME when the facility doesn't have a DME license
- Examples of equipment are:
 - Cardiac monitors
 - Lasers
 - Neurologic monitoring equipment in OR
 - Pulse oximeters
 - These can be managed on the cost report filings or as allowable within the room and board rates

Non-Separately Chargeable / Routine

- These supplies are those generally used in the normal course of patient care, not specifically identifiable to a patient, lack an order.
 - No true guidance other than AdminaStar Federal over two decades ago exists
 - Generally, have a low cost but high volume (admission kits, gauze, tape, bedpans and the like)
 - Most facilities put the cost of these items into routine room and board or the visit expense.
 - AdminaStar Federal Bulletins: 95-05-02 and 95-10-12.
 - AdminaStar Supplies Guidelines. AdminaStar Medicare FI. February 18, 2012: September 6, 2013.

Non-Separately Chargeable / Routine

- Another way of looking at this "routine" concept would be as described originally by AdminaStar and furthered by Optum to be:
 - Items used for or on most patients in the department, for a procedure or service line
 - Gloves
 - Gowns
 - Drapes
 - Microscope covers
 - Oxygen when not specifically ordered or used on a patient
- These items must be rolled into the service or room rate and may not appear on the claim.

Separately Chargeable but Low Cost

- These are chargeable supplies that are directly used on an individual patient for their care needs
- Therefore, these are chargeable but also represent clutter in the charge capture process
 - Staff focus on capturing the multitude of low dollar supplies and will frequently miss a big-ticket item
 - Makes charge reconciliation unrealistic
- Hospitals manage these supplies by a "low dollar threshold policy"
 - Items that cost less than "\$\$.\$\$" will not be charged separately and rolled into the cost of the service.

Separately Chargeable

- Must be used on an individual patient in the care of the patient
- Must represent a cost to the institution
- Use a revenue code of 270-279
- Most are chargeable and considered covered but not separately reimbursed.
- These items can have a huge impact on revenue in that they can be made into "edits" that can detect when a procedure or service is missing or inaccurate

Separately Chargeable - Coding

- Some separately chargeables have HCPCS codes others do not
- When coding a supply there are several factors to consider:
 - Vendor
 - Model Number
 - Vendor advice or FDA advice
 - UNSPC number

UNSPC

UNSPC – United Nations Standard Product and Services Code

- Is a taxonomy code
- Competes with other coding systems internationally
- Uses a 4 tier eight-digit coding mechanism
- Four Tiers:
 - Segment
 - Family
 - Class
 - Commodity
 - Each tier has its own 2 digits, which can be 00

UNSPC Example

| Level | Code | Description | | | | |
|-----------|-------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Segment | 44000000 | Office Equipment, Accessories and Supplies | | | | |
| Family | 44 12 0000 | Office supplies | | | | |
| Class | 4412 19 00 | Ink and lead refills | | | | |
| Commodity | 441219 03 | Pen refills | | | | |

Optionally, a further two digits can be added for the business function, such as 'retail' or wholesale.

Wikipedia 2021 - UNSPC

Cardiac Pacemakers

https://usa.databasesets.com/unspsc/class/42203500

Segment: 42000000

Segment name: Medical Equipment and Accessories and Supplies

Family: 42200000

Family name: Medical diagnostic imaging and nuclear medicine products

Class: 42203500

Class name: Cardiac pacemakers and related products

| Commodity | Commodity name |
|-----------|---|
| 42203501 | Cardiac pacemaker generator or cardiac resynchronization therapy pacemaker CRT-P |
| 42203502 | Cardiac pacing leads or electrodes or accessories |
| 42203503 | Cardiac pacing lead introducers or sets |
| 42203504 | Cardiac recorder |
| 42203505 | Implantable cardioverter defibrillator ICD or cardiac resynchronization therapy defibrillator CRT-D |
| 42203506 | Implantable cardiac defibrillator device ICD or cardiac resynchronization therapy defibrillator CRT D lead or electrode |

Supply Chain – Frequent Charge Capture Concerns

- In many instances the supply is assigned the inaccurate HCPCS code
- Supply chain should reach out to CDM Management to ensure the most appropriate code is assigned.
- For example, a supply of an atherectomy catheter is coded as an electrophysiology catheter
 - The edit (based on C1730) would then look for a missing EP study instead of the atherectomy that would create a false positive edit
- When coded with the correct HCPCS code edits that are fruitful in identifying missed procedures can be created.

Revenue Code Matters

Revenue Codes:

- Sterile Supply 272
 - May or may not have a HCPCS Code
- Pacemaker 275
- Implant 278
 - Has been confusing
 - Should have a HCPCS Code
 - NUBC (National Uniform Billing Committee) issues revenue code definition
 - https://www.nubc.org/system/files/media/file/2020/04/Guidance%20on%20Othe r%20Implant%20RC0278.pdf
 - Previously thought it had to stay in the body but there is no longer a permanency requirement
 - Devices, implants, joint replacements, screws and anchors



Risk Areas

Operating Room

- Preference cards / Pick lists that are outdated
- Late charges are common
- Always compare the implant log to the coded implant on the claim to ensure they are the same
 - Frequently will be able to identify concerns at this point
- Edits between devices and procedures are a good litmus test to ensure appropriate coding of both supply and procedures



Risk Areas

Cardiology

- Divide into the "electricians and the plumbers"
- Electrician electrophysiology with specific mapping catheters, ablation catheters and pacemakers
- Plumbers interventional and diagnostic cardiology with PTCA, diagnostic and atherectomy catheters
- Revenue code 272 is generally the assigned revenue code for catheters, but the pacemakers should come under 275 which is for pacemaker specific



Risk Areas

- You think it is DME but it's NOT
 - For true DME you need a special provider license
 - Prosthetics and Orthotics are not considered DME and are frequently missed in the OR and ER. These items use revenue code 274
 - https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/DMEPOSFeeSched/DMEPOS-Fee-Schedule
 - PO designation in the fee schedule allows hospitals to charge for these items and place on a UB-04
 - Frequently lost items are:
 - Knee splints
 - Walking boots
 - Figure of 8 Sling and Swathe
 - Look on the box generally an "L" code appears

Look for "PO" (Prosthetic & Orthotic)in the category

| | А | В | С | D | E | F | G | Н | - 1 | J | K | L |
|------|------------|-----------------|----------------|-------|------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| 1 | Durable N | /ledical Equip | oment, | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Prosthetic | cs, Orthotics | , and Supplies | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | (DMEPOS) | | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
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| 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | - |
| 7 | HCPCS | Mod | Mod2 | JURIS | CATG | Ceiling | Floor | AL (NR) | AL (R) | AR (NR) | AR (R) | AZ (NR) |
| 2311 | 00.00 | RR | | D | CR | 853.64 | 725.59 | 853.64 | 0.00 | 853.64 | 0.00 | 853.64 |
| 2312 | K0857 | RR | | D | CR | 870.76 | 740.15 | 870.76 | 0.00 | 870.76 | 0.00 | 870.76 |
| 2313 | K0858 | RR | | D | CR | 1059.13 | 900.26 | 1059.13 | 0.00 | 1059.13 | 0.00 | 1059.13 |
| 2314 | K0859 | RR | | D | CR | 1010.09 | 858.58 | 1010.09 | 0.00 | 1010.09 | 0.00 | 1010.09 |
| 2315 | K0860 | RR | | D | CR | 1513.11 | 1286.14 | 1513.11 | 0.00 | 1513.11 | 0.00 | 1513.11 |
| 2316 | K0861 | RR | | D | CR | 855.01 | 726.76 | 855.01 | 0.00 | 855.01 | 0.00 | 855.01 |
| 2317 | K0862 | RR | | D | CR | 1059.13 | 900.26 | 1059.13 | 0.00 | 1059.13 | 0.00 | 1059.13 |
| 2318 | K0863 | RR | | D | CR | 1513.11 | 1286.14 | 1513.11 | 0.00 | 1513.11 | 0.00 | 1513.11 |
| 2319 | K0864 | RR | | D | CR | 1800.60 | 1530.51 | 1800.60 | 0.00 | 1800.60 | 0.00 | 1800.60 |
| 2320 | L0112 | | | D | РО 👉 | 1673.47 | 1255.10 | 1412.58 | 0.00 | 1412.46 | 0.00 | 1371.30 |
| 2321 | L0113 | | | D | PO ← | 341.77 | 256.33 | 287.82 | 0.00 | 287.80 | 0.00 | 279.40 |
| 2322 | L0120 | | | D | PO 📥 | 33.21 | 24.91 | 28.24 | 0.00 | 24.91 | 0.00 | 33.21 |
| 2323 | L0130 | | | D | PO ← | 204.18 | 153.14 | 204.18 | 0.00 | 153.14 | 0.00 | 165.86 |
| 2324 | L0140 | | | D | PO 📥 | 80.12 | 60.09 | 70.46 | 0.00 | 61.30 | 0.00 | 60.09 |
| 2325 | L0150 | | | D | PO | 135.24 | 101.43 | 117.49 | 0.00 | 101.43 | 0.00 | 135.24 |
| 2326 | L0160 | | | D | PO | 196.01 | 147.00 | 167.28 | 0.00 | 196.01 | 0.00 | 165.92 |
| 2327 | L0170 | | | D | PO | 807.10 | 605.33 | 707.89 | 0.00 | 642.03 | 0.00 | 800.27 |
| 2328 | L0172 | | | D | PO | 158.89 | 119.16 | 143.53 | 0.00 | 132.28 | 0.00 | 149.40 |
| 2329 | L0174 | | | D | PO | 343.79 | 257.84 | 257.84 | 0.00 | 257.84 | 0.00 | 343.79 |
| 2330 | L0180 | | | D | PO | 463.70 | 347.78 | 350.66 | 0.00 | 386.35 | 0.00 | 445.70 |
| 2331 | L0190 | | | D | PO | 619.93 | 464.95 | 527.87 | 0.00 | 500.30 | 0.00 | 619.93 |
| 2332 | L0200 | | | D | PO | 646.28 | 484.71 | 484.71 | 0.00 | 559.04 | 0.00 | 646.28 |
| 2333 | L0220 | | | D | PO | 153.27 | 114.95 | 114.95 | 0.00 | 153.27 | 0.00 | 114.95 |
| 2334 | L0450 | | | D | PO | 0.00 | 0.00 | 150.32 | 163.47 | 143.66 | 150.15 | 151.39 |
| 2335 | L0452 | | | D | PO | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2336 | L0454 | | | D | PO | 414.67 | 311.01 | 350.03 | 0.00 | 350.00 | 0.00 | 339.80 |
| 2337 | L0455 | | | D | PO | 0.00 | 0.00 | 278.49 | 302.34 | 278.48 | 302.32 | 265.05 |
| 2338 | L0456 | | | D | PO | 1189.17 | 891.88 | 1003.79 | 0.00 | 1003.69 | 0.00 | 974.45 |
| 2339 | L0457 | | | D | PO | 0.00 | 0.00 | 798.63 | 867.01 | 798.60 | 866.96 | 760.07 |
| 2340 | L0458 | | | D | PO | 1066.33 | 799.75 | 900.10 | 0.00 | 900.02 | 0.00 | 873.78 |



HCPCS Assignment Keys to Success

Supply Coding for Accurate Reimbursement

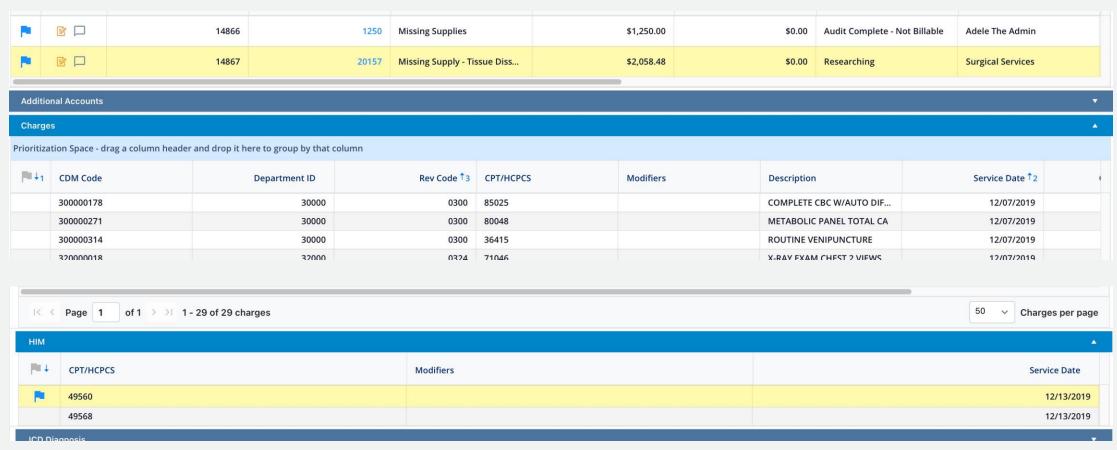
- Determine which category of supply it is
- Put low dollar supplies into a low dollar threshold
- Ensure you are charging with a coded or uncoded HCPCS line for all separately identifiable items
- Ensure prosthetics and orthotics are coded correctly and billed correctly
- Note that inaccurate edits are frequently the result of erroneous coding
- Develop a "team" approach to coding supplies

Think Edits

Creating Edits

- The purpose of a supply edit is to try to minimize revenue leakage by:
 - Ensuring correct coding
 - Identifying missed supplies common to a procedure
 - Vice Versa Identifying procedures by the supply used
- Ensuring devices are paired with their procedures

Identification of Missing Dissector Supply Triggered By 49560



49560 on the claim but the supply of C1727 was not

Traic Detail

Rule ID 20157

Rule Name Missing Supply - Tissue Dissector

Rule Scope 2019-12-13

Case Trigger Details 10

HOSPITAL CPT/HCPCS

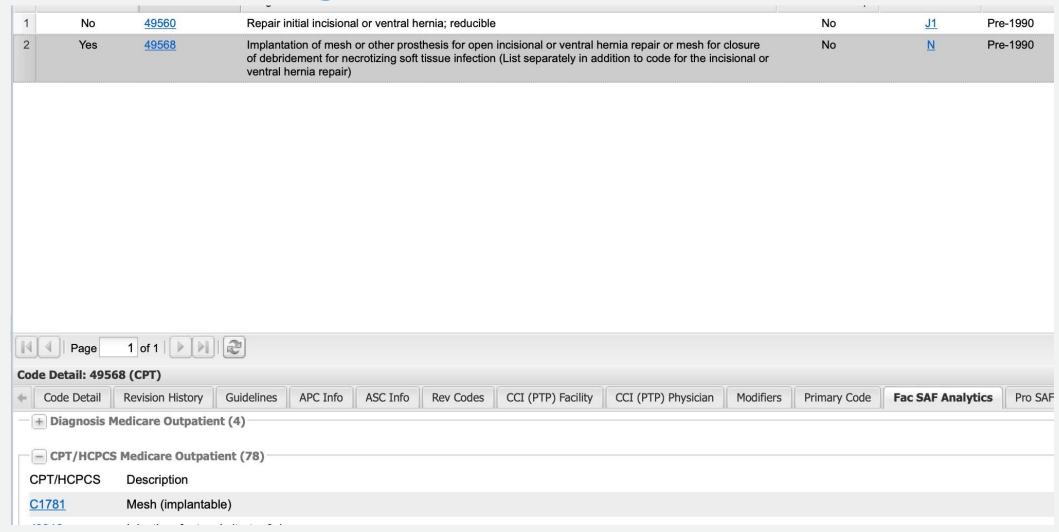
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Rule Targets 1

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C1727

Facility SAF - 49560 and 49568

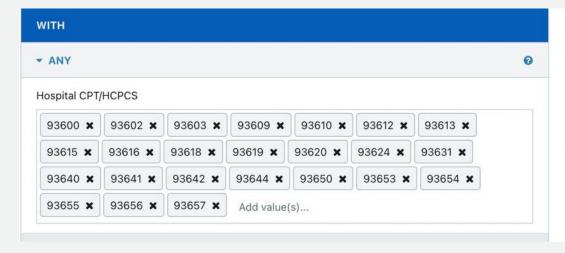


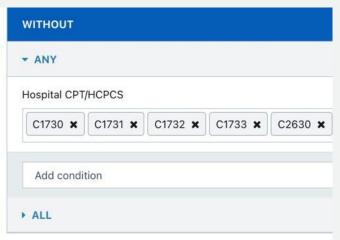
49568 - Trigger

- In this edit we have 49568 which is the implantation of mesh for a hernia repair
- We note that the C1781 was not charged and is missing from charge reconciliation:
 - Late charge
 - Failed to charge during procedure
 - Preference card did not include C1781 for this surgeon
 - Multitude of reasons but result is the same
 - A lost charge and charge leakage

Edits for identification: Atherectomy needs C1714 or C1724 not C1730







Using Software and Literature for Accurate Coding

- Catheter is a Medtronic Silverhawk Model P4034
- CMS demonstrates correct HCPCS

| | | HCPCS Codes | Category Long Descriptor | Date First Populated | Pass- Through Expiration Date*** |
|----|-----|----------------|---|-------------------------|---|
| | 37 | C1982 | Catheter, pressure-generating, one-way valve, intermittently occlusive | 1/1/2020 | |
| | 38 | C2627 | Catheter, suprapubic/cystoscopic | 10/1/00 | 12/31/02 |
| | 39 | C1757 | Catheter, thrombectomy/embolectomy | 8/1/00 | 12/31/02 |
| | 40 | C2623 | Catheter, transluminal angioplasty, drug-coated, non-laser | 4/1/15 | 12/31/17 |
| | 41 | C1885* | Catheter, transluminal angioplasty, laser | 10/1/00 | 12/31/02 |
| X | 42 | C1725* | Catheter, transluminal angioplasty, non-laser (may include guidance, infusion/perfusion capability) | 8/1/00 | 12/31/02 |
| | 43 | C1714 | Catheter, transluminal atherectomy, directional | 8/1/00 | 12/31/02 |
| _[| 44 | C1724 | Catheter, transluminal atherectomy, rotational | 8/1/00 | 12/31/02 |
| | 45 | C1758 | Catheter, ureteral | 10/1/00 | 12/31/02 |
| | 46 | | Closure device, vascular (implantable/insertable) | 8/1/00 | 12/31/02 |
| | 47 | L8614 | Cochlear implant system | 8/1/00 | 12/31/02 |
| L | 48 | C1762* | Connective tissue, human (includes fascia lata) | 8/1/00 | 12/31/02 |
| | 49 | C1763* | Connective tissue, non-human (includes synthetic) | 10/1/00 | 12/31/02 |
| L | 50 | C1881 | Dialysis access system (implantable) | 8/1/00 | 12/31/02 |
| | 51 | C1884* | Embolization protective system | 1/01/03 | 12/31/04 |
| | 52. | C1749 | Endoscope, retrograde imaging/illumination colonoscope | 10/01/10 | 12/31/12 |

Coding driven by model, UNSPC and manufacturer

| | Model Number | UPN | GTIN | Device Name | Manufacturer | Manufacturer Subdivision | CPT/HCPCS | Multiple HCPCS Device | UNSPSC 1 |
|---|--------------|-----|------|---|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------|
| 1 | P4028 | | - | DS SilverHawk Peripheral Plaque Excision System - Vessel Diameter 1.5 to 2.0m - Sheath Compatibility 6 Fr - Crossing Profile 1.9mm - Working Length 135cm - Tip Length 2.6cm | Medtronic-C | Covidien | <u>C1714</u> | No | 42203418 |
| 2 | P4034 | | | ES+ SilverHawk Peripheral Plaque Excision System - Vessel Diameter 2.0 to 2.5m - Sheath Compatibility 6 Fr - Crossing Profile 1.9mm - Working Length 135cm - Tip Length 2.2cm | Medtronic-C | Covidien | <u>C1714</u> | No | 42203418 |
| 3 | P4012 | | | LS SilverHawk Peripheral Catheter Crossing Profile 2.7mm - Working Length 110cm - Tip Length 6cm | Medtronic-C | Covidien | <u>C1714</u> | No | 42203418 |
| 4 | P4014 | | | LS-F SilverHawk Peripheral Plaque Excision System - Vessel Diameter 4.5 to 7.0mm - Sheath Compatibility 8 Fr - Crossing Profile 2.7mm - Working Length 107cm - Tip Length | Medtronic-C | Covidien | <u>C1714</u> | No | 42203418 |



- Many instances of EPIC have a tool called Revenue Guardian
- Edits can be manually created within this tool and sent to work cues
- Supply chain seldom takes advantage of this opportunity
- The tool must be manually maintained by the institution

Outside Vendors

- Software is available from outside vendors
- One of the benefits is that there are generally hundreds of thousands of combinations that consume 100% of the daily charges
- The output is a system of work cues that can be assigned to individuals with that service line specialty
- Allows for the remediation prior to claim creation
- Note that "bill edits" and clearinghouse edits look only at is what is on the claim not for what is missing!

Revenue Integrity

Key to Charge Capture Success

Your Team

- Supply Chain
- CDM
- Coding
- Operating Room Charge Capture
- Personnel who can write or manage edits
- Information Services (IT)
- Revenue Integrity team for root cause identification and remediation

Policy and Procedures are Key

- Having well thought out and documented policies and procedures for:
 - What constitutes routine non-chargeable (ex. floor stock)
 - What constitutes chargeable supplies
 - Low dollar threshold policy for low-cost, high-volume supplies
 - Chargeable supplies individually identifiable but over low-cost threshold
 - Devices and Implants
 - Orthotics and Prosthetics
- Policies are helpful especially when working with commercial payors and percentage of charge accounts

Policy and Procedures are Key

- Whenever possible cite source authority in the policy.
 These might include:
 - CMS
 - Medicare Administrative Contractor
 - Payor guidelines
- Focus on OR maintenance procedures for supply chain
 - Preference Card Maintenance
 - Charge reconciliation process
 - Random charge audits

Daily Charge Review

- Conduct charge reconciliation to include supplies
- If software available ensure that 100% of all charges are consumed
- Look for patterns of behavior
 - Departments consistently with late charges
 - Missing tandem supplies such as diagnostic cardiovascular catheter but no sheath or inserter
 - Look for procedures that consistently miss supply items
 - Is there an outdated charge sheet?
- Goal is to identify patterns, determine root cause and remediate the concern

Summation

Summation

- Of the four categories of what a facility can charge for supplies are:
 - Largest group of late charges
 - Frequently overlooked due to maintenance concerns with OR pick lists and preference cards
 - Supply coding is generally not done by certified coders and can have significant impact with claims
 - Requires 100% review daily of these charges
 - Can be very impactful when used as a larger edit mechanism.

Questions?

Thank you!