

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE A **GOLD** MINE OF INFORMATION!



Become an informed member of your field
Stay up-to-date on industry trends, new legislative rulings, and advances in technology
Enhance your commitment to your profession
Become eligible for discounts on training and conferences
Network with other professionals
Learn about job opportunities
Understand your profession's code of ethics
Gain leadership experience

Take a look at some of the organizations dedicated to Medical Front Office Billing & Coding:

- **American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC)** AAPC provides education and professional certification to physician-based medical coders and to elevate the standards of medical coding by providing student training, certification, ongoing education, networking, and job opportunities.
- **American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)** AHIMA is working to advance the implementation of electronic health records (EHRs) by leading key industry initiatives and advocating high and consistent standards. AHIMA members stay one step ahead through AHIMA's accreditation of cutting-edge academic programs and professional development opportunities, including comprehensive continuing education.
- **Healthcare Billing & Management Association (HBMA)** The HBMA message boards are one of the most valuable resources we have; ask anything from general questions regarding coding, research and billing, to the most specific inquiries related to the billing field. Our industry-expert members waste no time in assisting you with their invaluable experience and can point in the direction of others who have assisted on similar topics in the past as well. All of HBMA's events and services work together to keep you in touch with billing professionals just like you. Through our national membership directory, our members-only message board, and at our educational events, HBMA members make and keep valuable connections with our other professionals who know what this industry demands, and who want to know more."
- **Medical Association of Billers (MAB)** The Medical Association of Billers is the premier training and credentialing association for medical billing and coding. The MAB curriculum has been approved and licensed by the Commission for Post-Secondary Education and MAB is an approved vendor for Federal Agencies.
- **The Professional Association of Healthcare Coding Specialists (PAHCS)** The Professional Association of Healthcare Coding Specialists (PAHCS) is a communications network and member support system dedicated to enhancing the compliance, documentation, and reimbursement capabilities of healthcare coders. Through increased knowledge of coding principles, changes in coding policies, and the experiences of fellow coders in resolving coding challenges, PAHCS members confidently code for maximum and honest reimbursement.