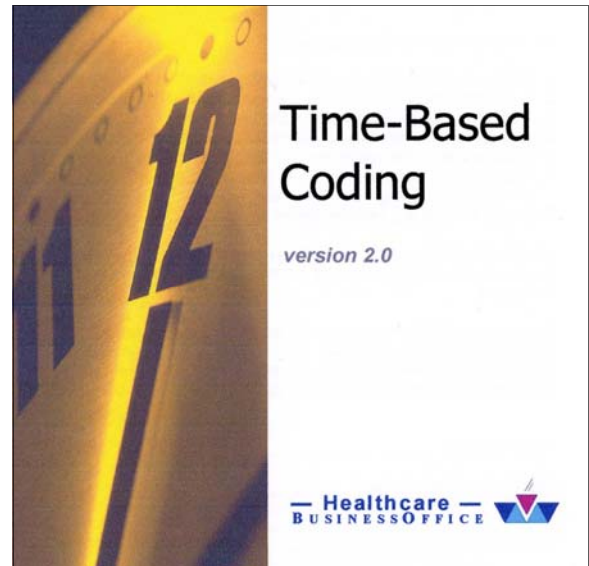


Time Based Coding

A Self-Paced CD-ROM Continuing Education Course

This self-paced CD-ROM course reviews medical services that are provided and coded based on time spent dispensing the service. OIG continues to monitor time-based codes, looking for errors in time calculation, documentation, and proper use of the codes.

Coders face additional challenges when coding services based on time. Not only must time-based services meet documentation, coding guidelines, and specific medical criteria, but they must also meet the time requirements. This course content will help the course user understand time factors, documentation, coding requirements, and specific medical criteria for CPT codes based on time.



Time-Based Coding course content:

• Defining time-based vs. typical codes
Eight areas most likely to involve time-based codes:

- Critical care
- Prolonged and physician standby services
- Individual psychotherapy
- Pediatric critical care transport
- Individual counseling for preventive medicine
- Physical medicine and rehabilitation
- Hospital discharge services
- Central auditory function services

In each of the 8 areas, the following are covered:

- About the service, codes, and time element
- Timing — detail on time increments, minimums and maximums, time calculation
- What counts towards time
- Documentation
- Types of time — review of CPT/AMA definitions of time
- When to start counting the time
- Examples, case studies, practice questions

and more ...

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- Billers
- Office managers
- Compliance officers
- Physicians

System requirements

- PC with Microsoft Windows 98 or later
- CD-ROM drive

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