

# Targeted audits minimize risk and regulatory exposure, and improve reimbursement

## Coding Audit



### Business issue

Increased risk and compromised reimbursement



### Problem

Lack of data quality review, resulting in fraud risk, abuse accusation, reimbursement discrepancies



### Solution

Audit program to institute permanent coding process improvements

Lack of policies, procedures and an inadequate medical coding audit program – especially in organizations facing staffing challenges – may result in inaccurate coding. Inaccurate coding leads to erroneous data, inappropriate decisions and inadequate reimbursement, a problem multiplied by miscoding fines and ongoing threats of investigations by ever-changing government regulations.

### Targeted audits

With nThrive coding and documentation audits, issues undermining your coding and documentation results are revealed, analyzed and corrected through continuous improvement programs. Our audits, performed frequently, use a variety of chart selection methodologies that provide the most complete, well-rounded compliance program and yield additional benefits, including faster, accurate reimbursements and valuable education to coders. At nThrive, we know each client is unique; we deliver an individualized auditing approach and design a project plan specific to your environment.

### Coding accuracy rates at a health care provider, post education through nThrive:



# 98.8%

Inpatient coding accuracy rate; a **49% increase** from initial audit

# 96.6%

Outpatient coding accuracy rate; a **21% increase** from initial audit

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## Mitigated risk

Vigilant attention to changing regulations lessens regulatory risk and penalties. nThrive coding audits ensure coder compliance to new regulatory requirements and improve internal and external audit result to minimize risk exposure.

## Repaired errors

Deeper knowledge of problem root causes results in more effective solutions. Identify and repair areas of coding and documentation weakness with ongoing monitoring to avoid coding errors and subsequent denials. Implement industry standards and leading practices to improve performance.

## Improved growth and reputation

Improve hospital and physician profiling and scorecard data to position hospital for growth and improve external reputation.

## Cohesive audit process

Our integrated audits evaluate data quality, coding compliance and documentation and are conducted by knowledgeable consultants with diverse skill sets. We provide customized audits, short-term or recurring, to meet your specific situation. Our auditors identify risk areas and offer focused recommendations to help you achieve your goals. We offer post-audit testing, education and mentoring programs to confirm improvement, and provide robust reporting and data analytics.



## Why nThrive Coding Audit?

### Achieve your goals

- Our team tailors the scope of their audits to your projects and project plans

### Improve your outcome with the audits that are right for you

#### Hospital Inpatient

- Acute care
- Behavioral health
- LTAC
- APR-DRG

#### Hospital Outpatient

- Surgical CPT, ED E/M facility, injections and infusions, HCPCS
- Same-day surgery, cardiac and interventional procedures, wound care
- ED, clinic and observation visits, ancillary and diagnostic testing

#### Professional Fee Reviews

- All specialties
- Hospital-based providers professional fee visits
- Emergency department visits

#### Other

- HCC/risk adjusted
- Failed claims audits
- Third-party denials/RAC



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