



# AHCAE

Association of Health Care Auditors and Educators

*Gain high-level knowledge from an expert "audit team" of professionals!*

**You are invited to join us for this one of a kind educational event!**

## **"HCC Intensive Chart Auditing Practicum"**

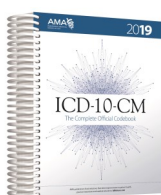
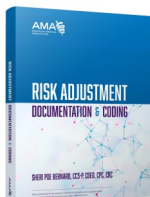
### **September 23-25, 2019**

**(CHCRA Exam: 9/26/2019)**

**Hyatt Place Denver Airport  
16250 E. 40th Avenue  
Aurora, CO 80011**

**Register online at [www.ahcae.org](http://www.ahcae.org)**

*Seating is limited for this one of a kind intensive training session!*



AHCAE has included the Risk Adjustment Documentation and Coding and ICD-10-CM from the American Medical Association. We have incorporated these valuable resources as part of the HCC curriculum and they may be used for the CHCRA exam which will be administered on the 4th day of the practicum.

#### **Who Should Attend**

- Auditing Professionals
- Compliance Professionals
- HCC Coders / Payors
- Clinical Documentation Specialists
- Clinical Community



*"This program is approved for up to 24 continuing education hours through the AHCAE, other entities. The number of CEUs may vary through other organizations. Granting of prior approval in no way constitutes endorsement of the program content or sponsors."*

# "Intensive Chart Auditing Practicum"



## CHCRA Course Description

The HCC Intensive Chart Auditing Practicum was designed for both the experienced auditors, for those desiring to move into the HCC health care auditing arena and for compliance professionals. No other HCC auditing credential exists and we are excited to bring the Certified Health Care Risk Auditor (CHCRA) designation to the healthcare arena.

Auditing is an essential component to ensure accurate medical record documentation and compliance. Gain knowledge and learn with hands on experience from a team of nationally recognized HCC auditors and educators. This one of a kind program has been a collaborative effort developed by the Association of Health Care Auditors and Educators and with careful consideration and adoption of the American Medical Association resources as part of the practicum core curriculum. Attendees will receive comprehensive tools and resources necessary for providing critical elements needed for accurate HCC medical record chart auditing.

**Why the need?** The CMS Risk Adjustment and Hierarchical Condition Category payment model was implemented in 2004 for the purpose of identifying high risk Medicare beneficiaries who have more serious or chronic illness and in turn accrue higher costs for treatment. This program is an effort to assess the medical needs of patients enrolled in Medicare Advantage programs. The model assigns a risk factor score to the person based upon a combination of the individual's diagnoses and certain demographic information. The individual's diagnoses are identified utilizing the ICD-10-CM codes extracted from the provider's medical record documentation.

With the elimination of pre-existing conditions in the Affordable Care Act, commercial insurance companies who were part of the ACA exchanges began to measure their own risk to ensure there was an even distribution of both high risk and low risk beneficiaries into their plans. Commercial payers adopted their own HCC payment models to assess medical needs and future costs to their own programs.

While HCC payment models utilize ICD-10-CM coding system to report patient risk, medical coding and auditing for risk adjustment requires specialized training and certification to ensure a clear understanding of the CMS and commercial HCC auditing environment. AHCAE has developed both a training program and National certification to meet this need. By obtaining the Certified Health Care Risk Auditor (CHCRA) certification, auditors show their proficiency in both coding and auditing for various risk adjustment program and payment models including CMS and commercial payer hierarchical condition categories (HCCs), the Medicaid Disability Payment System (CDPS), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) risk adjustment. Space is limited, sign up soon!

- Build your skill level through HCC auditing principles and application by dissecting various (electronic, template driven, etc.) medical record documentation formats for determining accuracy.
- Explore and become familiar with pertinent regulatory information critical to accurate and compliant HCC auditing. Understand the audit process from start to report development and delivery
- Essential communication skills for the auditor will be taught to assist you in explaining and backing up your results from a private and regulatory perspective
- Networking, breakout audit round tables to dissect and discuss various case examples will allow attendee's additional hands-on auditing and reporting experience and much, much more!

### **Comprehensive HCC Chart Audit Tools**

Besides the 3 day HCC intensive training with our expert audit team, you'll also receive everything an HCC auditor needs with your comprehensive HCC Chart Auditing Resources. You'll be able to use these tools when you get back to your office to start auditing immediately!

*~The educational content of this program is based on regulatory guidelines, the knowledge of high-level auditors and the Executives of the Association of Health Care Auditors and Educators~*

*~You will have a highly experienced executive level auditing team of professionals to guide you all the way!~*

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[www.ahcae.org](http://www.ahcae.org)

Questions:  
303-905-2357

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Your instructor audit team has over 85+ years of collective health care experience. These are just three of the AHCAE instructors. All of our instructors are certified through the Association of Health Care Auditors and Educators (AHCAE), and are certified in coding and compliance through various associations. A typical practicum often includes 2-4 instructors.

By using this unique team approach, this intensive 3-day program will allow you to gain tremendous knowledge from your instructors and will assist you in avoiding costly mistakes frequently made throughout the industry. How better to learn than by those who are in the auditing trenches on a day to day basis.

### ↻ AHCAE Faculty ↻



Daria Bonner

#### **Daria Bonner, CHCRA, CHCA, CCP, RMC**

Daria has more than 25 years of health care industry advisory consulting and project management experience in the revenue cycle space. Her areas of expertise encompass both the public and the private sector, hospitals, outpatient service centers, and large and small physician practices. Daria is an expert in commercial and government facility health care business process analysis, process modeling, project management, software product development and implementation, contract coding, billing and auditing services, and training and education. Before starting her own consulting business, Daria served as a project director for multiple management-consulting firms including Booz Allen Hamilton, QuadraMed and Ingenix. She currently works on various government, state and commercial risk adjustment coding and auditing projects performing coding and QA audits for HCC models adopted by the various Medicare Advantage, Medicaid and commercial payers. Daria currently serves on the AHCAE Leadership Board.



Robin Linker

#### **Robin Linker, CHCRA, CHCA, CHCAS, CPC-I, COC, CCS-P, MCS-P, CPC-P, CHC**

Robin is CEO of Robin Linker & Associates, Inc. a nationally known healthcare consulting firm and Executive Director of Operations for the Association of Health Care Auditors and Educators (AHCAE). With over 30 years in healthcare, she provides consulting, auditing, research and education in practice management, compliance, correct coding and billing. She is an experienced ICD-10 trainer since 2004, and is a former member of the Physician Education, Training and Advisory Group (PETAG) for CMS. She is the former Director of Education and Technical Development for the AAPC and has been a speaker for the American Medical Association on CPT and ICD-10. Robin is an author and member of the National Speakers Association and has provided thousands of seminars and educational sessions throughout the 50 states. She provides litigation case support services and is an experienced IRO assisting with OIG mandated Corporate Integrity



Susan Thurston

#### **Susan Thurston, CHCRA, CHCA, CPC-I, COC, CPC-P, CCS-P, CMM, MCS-P, CHCO**

Susan is the former Director of Clinical Content for Contexo Media and is CEO of Coder's Connection Inc., a healthcare consulting firm. She holds a Masters in Curriculum Design and has been adjunct faculty for College of Eastern Utah, Colorado Mountain College, Western Colorado Area Health Education Center and Mesa State College Utech campus. She is the former Director of Education for the Association of Health Care Auditors and Educators and is an AHCAE instructor. She is certified through AHCAE, AAPC, ARHCP, AHIMA, PAHCOM, MCS-P and is a Certified Healthcare Compliance Officer. Susan has worked in the medical field for over 38 years and provides education and compliance services to physicians and organizations.



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Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Address:  Home  Work  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Chart Auditing is essential to risk reduction and compliance

Auditing provides proof of services rendered and lends assistance to areas in need of improvement

An investment you cannot afford to miss

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Questions: 303-905-2357

**Registration: 8:00am Sessions: 8:30am-4:30pm Lunch Included!**

## Register me for the HCC Intensive Chart Auditing Practicum!

**June 19-21, 2019 Denver, CO CHCRA Exam 6/22/2019**

- AHCAE Current Member s-Registration \$1600.00
- Registration plus New –2yr AHCAE Membership! \$1725.00
- CHCA Exam Fee - Free for practicum attendees! \$ 350.00

Discount Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt:(\_\_\_\_\_) TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* Call for scholarship availability! 303-905-3257

Who might we thank for referring you? \_\_\_\_\_

**Hotel and Practicum Locations:** *Free airport shuttle to and from airport.*  
**Hyatt Place Denver Airport**  
**16250 E. 40th Avenue**  
**Aurora, CO 80011**  
**Reservations: 888-492-8847**  
**Special room rate \$149.00 Use code : G-HCAE**

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**Register by Mail: AHCAE**  
**6140-K6 S. Gun Club Rd., #292**  
**Aurora, CO 80016**

**Fax Registration: 800-945-4119**

**Online Registration: [www.ahcae.org](http://www.ahcae.org)**

*Scholarships, Group Discounts and Payment Arrangements Available.*

**We have included the AMA ICD-10-CM and the AMA - Risk Adjustment and Documentation and Coding resources into our curriculum, no need to bring any resources with you. Additional resources will be provided and may be used for the CHCRA exam.**

AHCAE respects your right to privacy and will not sell /share your information. Space is limited and availability is on a first come basis. Registration cancellations may be subject to a cancellation fee or optionally, the registration may be applied to a future practicum.