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**Learn how to identify and avoid health care fraud from our panel of experts and E & M coding professionals, including**

- Health Care Excel
- Indiana Medicaid Fraud Control Unit
- Krieg DeVault LLP

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Nearly all physicians bill third-party payers for their health care services on a daily basis. All payers, including Medicare, Medicaid and commercial insurance companies, conduct audits to determine appropriateness of billing procedures and treatment utilization. Medicaid audits and fraud investigations are arguably the most prevalent and carry severe penalties.

This two-part seminar will help educate you on fraudulent billing practices and arm you with tools and skills to avoid violations. The first part of this six-hour continuing medical education session will explain how physicians may become subject to an audit or fraud investigation and why it is important to carefully document all patient encounters and properly code all claims.

Representatives of Indiana state agencies and a defense attorney will educate you about how to identify fraud and potential indicators of fraud, how to minimize the likelihood of an audit, and how to protect your legal interests if you do become subject to an audit or investigation.

In many cases, documentation is not sufficient to support the service that was billed. To help you learn how to properly document the medical record, the second half of this seminar will focus on documentation and coding guidelines for Evaluation and Management services. You will have an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the program.

## Seminar Objectives
At the end of this program, the participant should be able to:

1. Recognize how medical records and medical necessity are used in audits
2. Explain how and when fraud investigations are initiated
3. List the possible sanctions available for health care fraud
4. Identify the most common forms/types of health care fraud
5. Identify the major state and federal health care fraud laws
6. Access and search the Federal Exclusion List
7. Discuss how to protect themselves and their legal rights if they are being audited or investigated
8. Develop a plan to prevent fraud
9. Incorporate compliant documentation and coding as an integral component of promoting and providing high quality patient care
10. Recognize the relationship of medical necessity, as indicated by the E/M concept of the nature of presenting problem, to appropriate levels of medical care
11. Interpret the relationship between medical record tools and the ability to provide quality care; this will include an overview of how this concept relates to potential quality barriers in Electronic Health Records

## Seminar Agenda

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| 11:30 am | **Registration and lunch** |
| 12-12:05 pm | **Welcome, introductory remarks & disclosures** Julie Reed, J.D., Legal Counsel, Indiana State Medical Association |
| 12:05-12:50 pm | **Medicaid audits and other tools used by Health Care Excel to evaluate physician utilization of Medicaid resources** Emily Martin, Director, Surveillance and Utilization Review, Health Care Excel |
| 12:50-1:45 pm | **How Indiana physicians are identified, investigated and sanctioned by the state for Medicaid fraud** Steve Hunt, J.D., Supervisory Deputy Attorney General, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit |
| 1:45-2:45 pm | **How to protect yourself in an audit or investigation and how to prevent violations** Randall Fearnow, J.D., Partner, Krieg DeVault LLP (Indianapolis) |
| 2:45-3:15 pm | **Questions and answers** (entire panel) |
| 3:15-3:30 pm | **Break** |
| 3:30-6 pm | **E & M coding** • Medical necessity & levels of care • Practical E/M methodology • Intelligent medical record tools • Relationship of quality and E/M compliance • Working with your coders • E/M modifiers & compliance • Introduction to health information transformation (with Electronic Health Records) |

**Greenwood location speaker:**
Stephen R. Levinson, M.D., ASA, LLC

**Merrillville and Evansville locations speaker:**
Sherry Wagner, Blue & Co.

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## Fee *(Includes lunch and snack)*
$230 for members and employees of members
$340 for nonmembers
Payment is due 5 days prior to the seminar

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Upon receipt of registration and payment, a confirmation letter will be faxed or e-mailed to you. Please review this letter carefully. If your confirmation does not arrive three working days before the seminar, please call Liz at (317) 261-2060 or (800) 257-4762 to verify registration.

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## Questions
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3. **Fax** completed form with credit card information to Liz at (317) 261-2076.
4. **Call** Liz at (800) 257-4762 and have your credit card information ready.
5. **Mail** completed registration form and payment to: ISMA, Attn: Seminars, PO Box 803, Indianapolis, IN 46206-0803. When using this method of payment, please call Liz first and pre-register by phone. Allow 10 business days for registration and payment to reach the ISMA.

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