Auditing Physician Billings

Purpose

The CMA recognizes the importance of ensuring that physician billing practices are transparent, accurate, and consistent. This policy outlines the principles and guidelines for auditing physician billings to ensure compliance with relevant regulations and to prevent potential financial losses.

Guidelines

1. **Transparency and Accuracy:** Physician billings should be transparent and accurate to prevent any misrepresentation of services rendered.
2. **Consistency:** Billing practices should be consistent across all regions and practices to ensure fairness in billing procedures.
3. **Compliance:** Audits should be conducted to ensure physician billing practices comply with all relevant regulatory requirements.

Frequency

Audits should be conducted on a regular basis to maintain the integrity of physician billing practices.

Conclusion

Regular audits of physician billings are essential to maintaining transparency, accuracy, and compliance with regulatory requirements. The CMA recommends that these audits be conducted on a regular basis to ensure the continued integrity of physician billing practices.

CMA POLICY

The Canadian Medical Association (CMA) policies are intended to provide guidance to members and to inform the public about the Association's position on various health-related issues. The policies are reviewed and updated periodically to reflect the latest developments in medical science and practice.
Avoiding negative consequences to health care delivery from federal taxation policy
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CMA Submission
Avoiding negative consequences to health care delivery from federal taxation policy

Response to Finance Canada’s Consultation on Legislative Proposals Relating to Income Tax, Sales and Excise Duties
Canadian Medical Association Submission on Bill C-462 Disability Tax Credit Promoters Restrictions Act
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COVID-19 Vaccine Global Intellectual Property Policy

Policy position recommendation

1. The CMA encourages the Government of Canada to participate in the global dialogue, including with the World Trade Organization, the World Intellectual Property Organization and the World Health Organization, around intellectual property (IP) related to vaccines.

2. The CMA encourages the Government of Canada to ensure that temporary flexibilities are put in place for the COVID-19 pandemic through international agreements such as the Pandemic Preparedness Patent Waiver.

3. The CMA recommends that any additional considerations, such as the introduction of quality control measures for COVID-19 vaccines, be put in place to ensure that all COVID-19 vaccines are of a high standard.

4. The CMA advocates for global health equity, including providing support for countries that have not yet benefited from widespread access to COVID-19 vaccines.

5. The need for vaccine equity is evident. The broader public health benefits of widespread access to COVID-19 vaccines outweigh the potential harm associated with delay.
Disclosure of COVID-19 Vaccination Status by Physicians

https://policybase.cma.ca/link/policy14457

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Federal measures to recognize the significant contributions of Canada’s front-line health care workers during the COVID-19 pandemic

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Federal tax proposal risks negative consequences for health care delivery

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Documents
Guiding principles for physicians recommending mobile health applications to patients

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GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR PHYSICIANS RECOMMENDING MOBILE HEALTH APPLICATIONS TO PATIENTS

The document is designed to provide guidance to physicians about how to make mobile health applications available to patients in the context of their practice. It is based on the Canadian Medical Association's CMA Policy Guidelines on Electronic Communication and Privacy.

Background
- Mobile health applications, often referred to as apps, are software programs that can be installed on smartphones or other mobile devices. They can provide information, support, or entertainment.
- Physicians should inform patients about the nature, benefits, and limitations of these applications.
- They should develop patient education materials on mobile health applications.
- Providers should consider the appropriateness of using mobile health applications in their practice.

Implementation
- Physicians should ensure that mobile health applications are reliable and secure.
- They should consider the costs associated with these applications and how they can be offset.
- The use of mobile health applications in patient care should be guided by ethical principles and current standards.

Conclusion
- Mobile health applications can enhance patient care and education. Physicians should be aware of these tools and their potential benefits.

CMA Policybase - Canadian Medical Association
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Physician compensation (Update 2013)

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Protecting and supporting Canada’s health-care providers during COVID-19

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March 23, 2020

Dear Minister

I am writing to bring to your attention the incredible strain placed on our health-care system as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Medical practitioners and staff are having to spend far too many hours completing paperwork and insurance claims that are not related to their clinical work which is already highly overwhelming. We are effectively being told to use our own personal time to assist with billing, which is additional to the long hours spent caring for patients. This is time that cannot be spent with our patients, with our families, or for ourselves.

We have heard from medical practitioners in all regions of Canada that they have been working extremely long hours and are facing significant stress and exhaustion. The mental and emotional toll of this pandemic is profound and cannot be underestimated. Medical practitioners are facing an unprecedented situation and are doing everything they can to help their communities. We need your support to ensure that medical practitioners are able to do their work effectively and safely.

I strongly encourage you to consider providing financial support to medical practitioners to help them cover the costs of their increased workload. This would be a critical step in ensuring that medical practitioners are able to continue to provide high-quality care to their patients.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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