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Electronic Death Certificates

The Virginia Department of Health's Vital Records division is migrating to a paperless system for the filing and tracking of death certificates. This process involves the collaboration of physicians, medical certifiers and funeral directors. Electronic registration will be used within this system for the following types of records:

- Attended Deaths – Primary Care Provider (Green Border Death Certificate)
- Unattended Deaths – Medical Examiner (Red Border Death Certificates)
- Spontaneous Fetal Deaths – Primary Care Provider (Yellow Border Death Certificate)
- Induced Terminations of Pregnancies – Primary Care Provider (Brown Border Death Certificate)
- Donation of Bodies for Science – Virginia State Anatomical Program (VSAP)

Although this system is not new, updated legislation has been passed which requires that providers register by the dates below based on role:

- July 1, 2019: MD's, DO's, PA's and NP's that practice as a hospitalist or practice emergency medicine in a hospital or serve as a medical director of a nursing home.
- October 1, 2019: Family medicine and internal medicine practitioners.
- November 1, 2019: Oncologists and general surgeons.
- December 1, 2019: Any other specialty that completes death certificates.

For more information regarding the EDRS, please review the information at the link below:

[VDH EDRS Website](#)

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Link to Policies & Forms:

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Compliance "Listserv"

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HCC Coding

What is HCC Coding and what do we need to know about it? HCC, or Hierarchical Condition Category, Coding is a system of medical coding that adjusts for risk. Codes with a HCC value adjust a patient's RAF score, or Risk Adjustment Factor score, to help give the insurance carrier a picture of what treating that patient is expected to cost. Within this model, a patient with many chronic conditions will have a higher RAF score and thus be expected to have higher utilization of the healthcare system and higher costs.

As we drift closer to value-based payment models, capturing this data for our patients is becoming more and more important. This set of codes helps convey patient complexity, allowing costs and quality to be measured more accurately. In the coming months, the newsletter will feature different examples of often missed HCC codes along with documentation and coding tips to capture them. Our internal audit program is also shifting to a more diagnosis-focused, quality care model rather than the classic E/M coding audit model. If you have specific questions about HCC coding please submit them to the Compliance Office so that we can incorporate them into our upcoming educational opportunities.

e-PHI Security Tip

Passwords should never be saved on your network computer. If an unauthorized party gains entry to our system or email network any saved passwords can be susceptible to compromise and enable those individuals to access additional systems. If passwords must be saved somewhere best practice is to store them on paper in a locked location (drawer, cabinet, etc.).

Lunch Discussion Session August

Topic: Monitoring for Billing and Coding

Who Should Attend: Anyone! This is a great session for managers as well as staff (or even providers). We will discuss Corrective Action Plans for audit results and ongoing monitoring between clinical audits, both internal and external.

Date and Location:
Thursday, August 15th, 12-1:00 pm in HH 223

Please RSVP to Laura Brower at browerl@evms.edu or 451-6202 and feel free to bring your lunch!