

Managing Coding & Reimbursement Challenges in Neurosurgery **2017**

NEW!

MACRA: Effectively Managing Quality Payment Program and
RVU Physician Content and Compensation Models



Course Locations:

Las Vegas
Orlando
Chicago
San Antonio



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Dear Colleague,

The 2017 American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) *Managing Coding & Reimbursement Challenges in Neurosurgery* course marks the 19-year tradition of offering high quality practice management educational courses. Led by our faculty of physician experts and neurosurgical coding consultants, this course gives a balanced perspective on coding challenges in neurosurgical practices to train you and your staff in best practices for billing and coding.

Are You Ready for MIPS and ICD-10 Enforcement?

2017 marks a significant change in quality reporting as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) released a final rule implementing a new physician payment system. All quality reporting programs will be rolled into one new system: the Medicare Incentive Payment System (MIPS). CMS is doing a soft roll-out of the system for 2017, and we will show you how to be compliant and help you prepare for future changes in the program.

ICD-10 proficiency is vital following its rigorous enforcement in October 2016 with CMS essentially denying claims for the lack of appropriate coding. We will continue to offer a review of ICD-10 requirements specific to the needs of neurosurgical practices. However, the February course in Las Vegas will be your final opportunity to attend our live ICD-10 half-day session. Consequently, the remaining courses of 2017 will offer focused content on the MIPS program to help prepare your practice.

We will continue to offer separate breakout sessions during the first evening of the courses. These breakout sessions are specifically designed for physicians, coders and office staff to provide hands-on learning experiences and opportunities to ask faculty additional questions and interact with colleagues.

Achieve Coding Proficiency

The AANS Managing Coding courses help neurosurgical practices optimize overall reimbursement, reduce claim denials, ensure coding accuracy and receive CME and CEU credits. As co-directors of these courses, we can assure you that you will receive training in the latest billing and coding best-practices, learn invaluable tips and receive neurosurgical coding expertise that you can't find anywhere else.

You won't want to miss this course in 2017. Register for our course today!

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Faculty subject to change



Course Description

The goal of the AANS Managing Coding & Reimbursement Challenges in Neurosurgery course is to train clinical, professional and administrative staff to recognize the implications of quality reporting and deliver the most up-to-date ICD-10 and CPT coding specific to neurosurgical practices. Through hands-on learning, attendees will be able to accurately apply and assign CPT codes for common neurosurgical procedures. Attendees will be exposed to high quality, reliable and effective practice management content important for staying compliant with ever-changing regulations.

Who Should Attend?

Neurosurgeons, fellows and chief residents, practice managers, physician assistants (PAs), nurse practitioners (NPs), nurses, surgery schedulers, coders, billing office staff and other office staff members.

When neurosurgeons attend with their reimbursement team, this provides the highest return on investment because the entire team hears and takes the same message home to implement change.

“ Every neurosurgeon should take this course, and should repeat it every couple of years. It is a mandatory building block for an informed, efficient, honest, and successful practice. ”

Thomas A. Lansen, MD, FAANS(L)

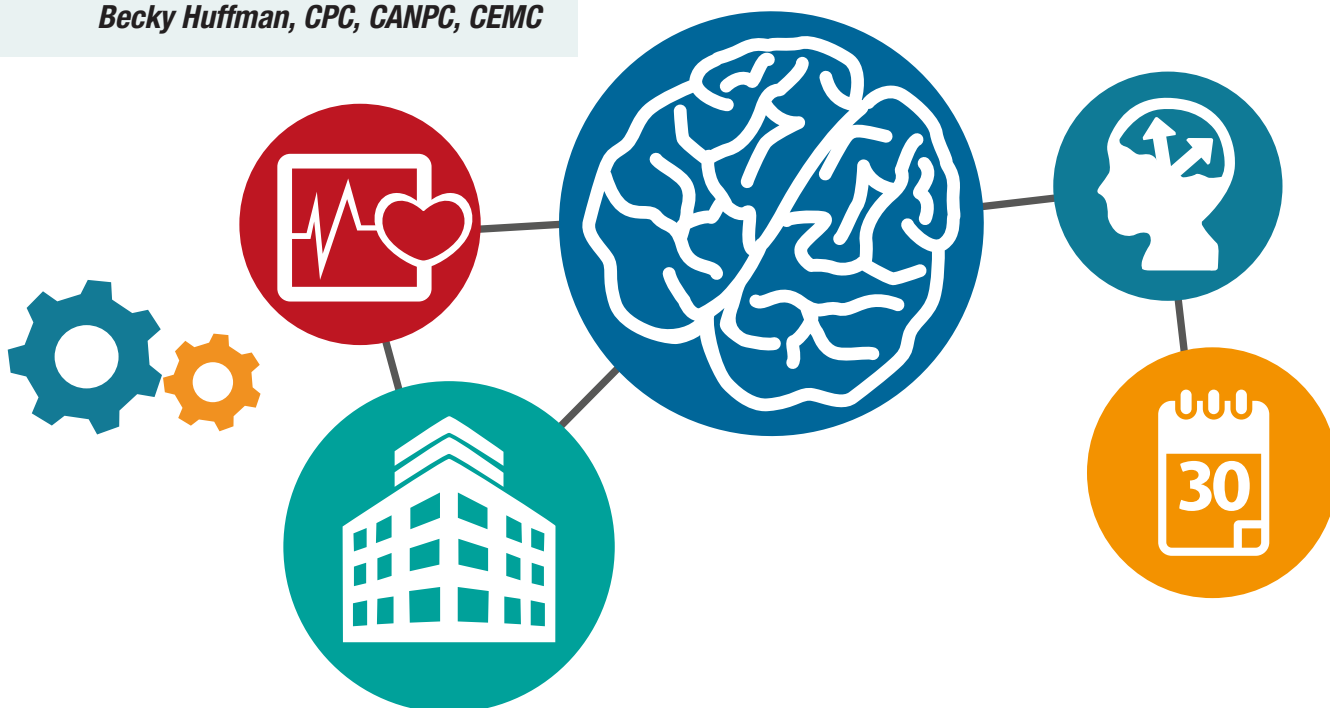
“ I have been coming for 15 years, and it is worth the time and money. Every year, I learn something new that I can take back to my practice that benefits our practice financially. ”

Becky Huffman, CPC, CANPC, CEMC

Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants should be able to:

- State the new, two-track physician payment paths to implement for quality payment program.
- Identify implications and integrate strategies of quality reporting to neurosurgical practices.
- Discuss application of new and revised neurosurgical CPT codes in reporting services.
- Identify and apply correct CPT codes to commonly performed cranial and spine procedures.
- Describe the global surgical package, including the pre-, intra- and post-operative global period components.



Program Schedules

DAY ONE

NEW: Quality Payment Program

2-4 p.m.

This portion of the course will focus on:

- 2017 Medicare Update: Medicare Payment and Major Changes for 2017, Including Quality Reporting Requirements
- Overview of the Quality Payment Program
- Two Medicare Value-based Payment Tracks
- Advanced Alternative Payment Models (APM)
- Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)

In Las Vegas only, we will offer a second concurrent session, that will focus on the ICD-10 Fallout, including:

- ICD-10 Fallout, Format and Structure and Coding Guidelines
- Action Agenda and Strategies for Denials and Appeals of ICD-10 in Your Practice

Optional Breakout Sessions

4:30-6:30 p.m.

Physicians-only Breakout: This session will allow for discussion of new codes, practice management concerns and challenges faced by practicing neurosurgeons. It will review CMS survey methodology and provide opportunity to discuss the code development and valuation process. There will be ample time for questions and for attendee-led discussion.

Coders and Office Staff Breakout: This session is primarily for novice coders who are learning neurosurgical coding. It will focus on neurosurgical anatomy and terminology using a didactic presentation, models, and ample time for questions. While senior coders are welcome to attend, the session is designed for coders that are new to neurosurgical procedures and coding.

DAY TWO

CPT Coding

8 a.m.-4 p.m.

This portion of the course will focus on:

- Compliance in Evaluation and Management Coding and Documentation
- Spine Procedure Coding and Scenarios
- Spine Coding Q&A

DAY THREE

CPT Coding

8 a.m.-3 p.m.

This portion of the course will focus on:

- 2017 Practice Management Update
- Craniotomy and Non-spine Procedure Coding and Scenarios
- Craniotomy and Non-spine Coding Q&A
- Neuroendovascular Procedure Coding and Scenarios

Course schedule subject to change



Course Locations

Las Vegas

Feb. 2-4

The Mirage
3400 S. Las Vegas Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89109
Hotel Phone: 702.791.7173
Room Rate: \$88.00
Thursday only (\$153.00
Friday and Saturday)

**Hotel Reservation
Deadline: Jan. 2, 2017**

Attendees can contact the reservation agents at 800.627-6667

Advance Registration Deadline: Dec. 19, 2016



Orlando

March 16-18

Rosen Shingle Creek
9939 Universal Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32819
Hotel Phone: 866.996.9939
Room Rate: \$229.00

**Hotel Reservation
Deadline: Feb. 14, 2017**

Attendees can contact
the reservation agents at
866.996.6338

Advance Registration Deadline: Jan. 31, 2017



Chicago

August 17-19

Intercontinental Chicago
505 N. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60603
Hotel Phone: 312.944.4100
Room Rate: \$199.00

**Hotel Reservation
Deadline: July 17, 2017**

Attendees can contact
the reservation agents at
800.628.2112

Advance Registration Deadline: July 3, 2017



San Antonio

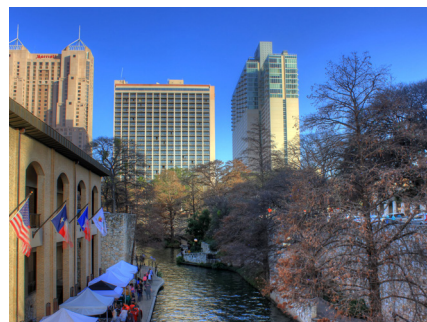
Sept. 21-23

Hyatt Regency San Antonio
123 Losoya Street
San Antonio, TX 78205
Hotel Phone: 210.222.1234
Room Rate: \$185.00

**Hotel Reservation
Deadline: Aug. 24, 2017**

Attendees can contact
the reservation agents at
888.421.1442

Advance Registration Deadline: Aug. 8, 2017



Course Disclosure and Policies

Continuing Medical Education (CME) Credit

The AANS is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

CEU Credit

CEU credits for this activity is pending.

Hotel Accommodations

Registrants are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. Please identify the AANS course you will be attending when making your hotel reservations. While a sufficient number of rooms have been set aside at the hotel for course registrants, there are occasions when the room block sells out prior to the cut-off date. Please make your hotel reservations as early as possible. Reservations made after the course registration deadline will be accepted on a space-available basis and may not qualify for discounted rates.

Disclaimer

The material presented at the AANS *Managing Coding & Reimbursement Challenges* course has been made available by the AANS for educational purposes only. The material is not intended to represent the only, nor necessarily the best method or procedure appropriate for the medical situations discussed, but rather it is intended to present an approach, view, statement, or opinion of the faculty, which may be helpful to others who face similar situations.

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Disclosure

Before the program, anyone in control of the educational content of this activity will disclose the existence of any financial interest and/or the relationship they or their significant other have with the manufacturer(s) of any commercial product(s) to be discussed during their presentation. Disclosures will be included in the final program.

Registration Policy

As courses sell out months in advance, please register early. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration for the course will not be confirmed until payment is received. All forms of payment are due at the time of registration. In order to qualify for the advance registration fees, payment must be received no later than the advance registration deadline date. If payment is received after the advance registration deadline date, you will be subject to the regular registration fees.

All registrants will receive an email confirmation from the AANS once payment is received. Should you fail to receive a confirmation, please contact AANS Education and Meetings at epm@aans.org.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

TRANSFERS TO A DIFFERENT COURSE WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED ONE TIME.

The AANS reserves the right to cancel a course. Registrants will be notified by telephone and a formal letter of cancellation will follow in the mail. In the event of course cancellation, registration fees are refundable. However, airline and hotel penalties are the responsibility of the registrant.

****Please note, each course date has a registration and cancellation policy. To view the policies, visit www.aans.org/Coding.***

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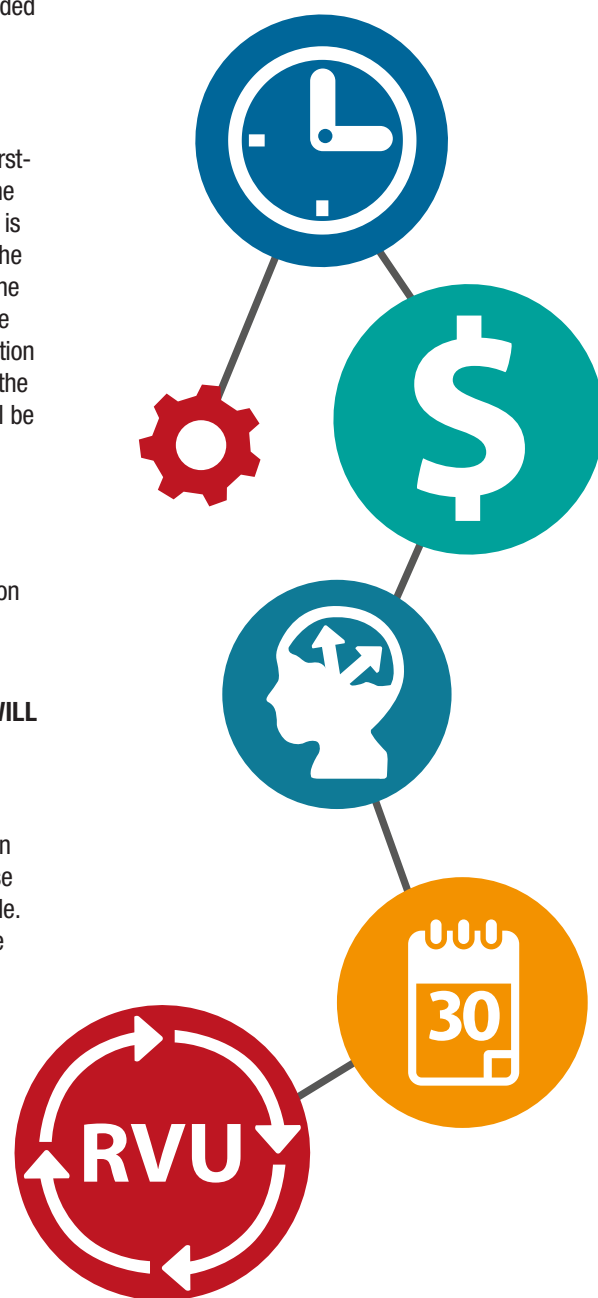
individuals because of the absence of auxiliary aids and services. If you require any of the auxiliary aids or services identified in the Americans with Disabilities Act in order to attend any AANS program, please contact AANS Education and Meetings prior to arrival at epm@aans.org.

Attire Advice

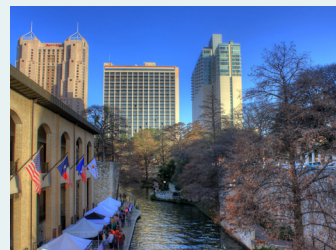
Please dress in layers of clothing to accommodate all temperatures.

Questions

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Registration



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2017 Registration Fees

	Advance Registration*	Regular Registration
AANS Member Physician	☐ \$1,099	☐ \$1,149
Non-member Physician	☐ \$1,199	☐ \$1,249
Advanced Practice Provider (APP) or Office Staff	☐ \$999	☐ \$1,049
Resident/Fellow or Military	☐ \$650	☐ \$700

Registration Form

Registrant Name _____ Credentials _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

How your name should read on the registration name badge (please print)

☐ Please contact me regarding special needs associated with a handicap, disability or dietary needs.

Billing Information

☐ Check enclosed (Please make payable to the AANS) Credit Card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Name (Exactly as it appears on the card) _____

Authorization Signature (I agree to pay according to the credit card issuer agreement.) _____

How to Register

Mail your registration form to:

AANS
2370 Eagle Way
Chicago, IL 60678-1023

To pay by Visa, MasterCard or American Express, please:

- Register online at www.aans.org/Coding;
- Call 888.566.AANS; or
- Fax your registration to 847.378.0681.

NOTE: Registration for the course will not be confirmed until payment is received. All forms of payment are due at the time of registration so plan ahead. For multiple registrations, photocopy this form. Please enclose only one check for multiple registrations. If payment is received after the advance registration deadline date, you will be subject to the regular registration fees.