



Medical Coding and Billing Industry Facts

What Do Medical Coding And Billing Professionals Do?

The medical coding and billing field plays a critical role in the large and expanding healthcare industry. These professionals translate medical records into standardized codes that are used to bill patients and third-party payers such as insurance companies and Medicare. The medical coding field includes two distinct roles:

- Outpatient coding, which focuses on coding the records of patients who were not admitted to a hospital for an overnight stay.
- Inpatient coding, which focuses on patient records of those admitted to the hospital—these records are typically more complex.

The Outpatient Medical Coding and Billing program helps you gain the knowledge and skills you will need for national certification and to excel as an outpatient medical coding and billing professional.

Where Do Medical Coding And Billing Professionals Work?

Medical coding and billing professionals usually work on-site for various healthcare facilities. Outpatient coders generally work in physicians' offices or outpatient clinics, but they may also find positions in hospitals or other healthcare facilities.

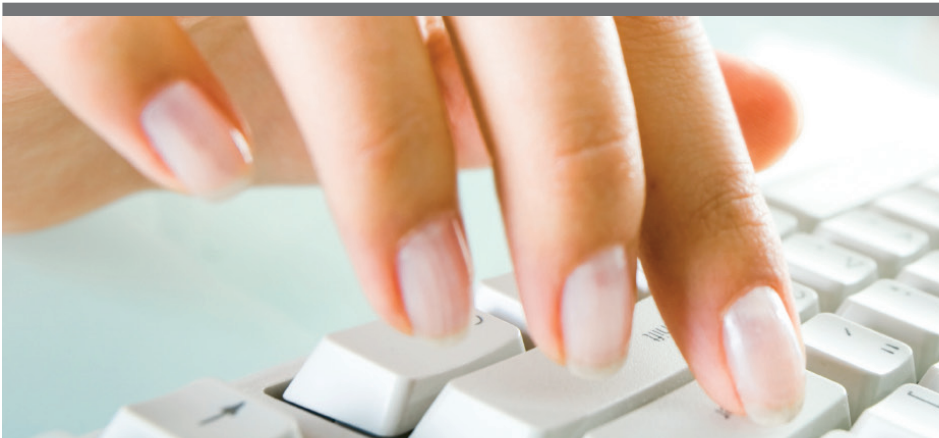
How Much Do Medical Coding And Billing Professionals Earn?

This career offers an established career path for advancement, especially for those professionals in large hospital networks who further their education to include inpatient coding and billing skills. The U.S. Department of Labor reports that on average medical coding and billing professionals earn over \$33,000 a year. Medical coding and billing professionals can also increase their earning potential by earning various industry certifications.

Is The Medical Coding And Billing Field Growing?

The 2010-2011 edition of the *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, published by the U.S. Department of Labor, estimates:

- A growing job market as industry employment is projected to increase by 20% by 2018. In addition to these new jobs, there will also be open positions as people retire or leave the profession.
- A high demand for coding services, sustained by an aging population and the increasing number of tests, treatments, and procedures.
- A growing number of professionals needed to code patients' records; act as liaisons between healthcare facilities, insurance companies, and other establishments; and manage the responsibilities associated with electronic health records.



"[This] medical coding course provides everything you need to become a proficient coder. . . . By the end, I felt confident knowing this course had helped me gain the knowledge and experience I need to begin my career in the medical coding field."

- Michael, Class of 2010

Outpatient Medical Coding and Billing Program Details

Program Overview and Completion Hours

Program Orientation	1
Technology and the Medical Professional	25
Learning and Mastering Medical Terminology – Block 1	20
Documentation, Confidentiality, and Ethics	20
Learning and Mastering Medical Terminology – Block 2	20
Evolution of Coding in the Healthcare Environment	15
Learning and Mastering Medical Terminology – Block 3	20
Healthcare Structure and Organization	25
Anatomy, Pathophysiology, and Disease Processes – Block 1	45
Exploring Pharmacology	20
Anatomy, Pathophysiology, and Disease Processes – Block 2	45
Medical Record Content	15
Diagnostic Coding with ICD-9-CM – Block 1	25
Diagnostic Coding with ICD-9-CM – Block 2	30
Exploring Healthcare Reimbursement	15
Medical Procedural Coding – Block 1	45
Medical Procedural Coding – Block 2	45
Skill Building for Outpatient Coding	138
Final Exam Overview and Preparation	1
TOTAL	570

Why Train With Us?

Built on almost 20 years of experience in training high-quality healthcare professionals, the Outpatient Medical Coding and Billing program helps you quickly gain the knowledge and skills you need to prepare for national certification, get a job, and excel in your new career. With this training program, you'll have everything you need to succeed, including comprehensive curriculum, flexible online training, and dedicated student and graduate support.

Comprehensive Curriculum

This program's comprehensive curriculum was developed by industry experts and includes real-world practical experience to ensure that you gain the skills you need to excel in the workforce. The curriculum is specially designed to:

- Help you gain the knowledge and skills of an outpatient medical coder and biller
- Prepare you to pass national certification exams offered by AAPC and AHIMA
- Train you to begin working immediately upon graduation

Flexible Online Training

With online training, you can minimize the challenges of taking time out to return to school. The online training format offers distinct advantages, including the opportunity to:

- Study on a schedule that fits your life

- Enjoy the flexibility to adjust the time and effort you devote to your coursework each day
- Progress at the pace that matches your learning style

Live Student & Graduate Support

Enjoy the benefits of an online course with the reassurance of dedicated support when you need it. The Outpatient Medical Coding and Billing program includes access to three professional support teams—student support, technical support, and graduate support. All of these teams are committed to helping you:

- Graduate quickly
- Prepare for the national certification exams
- Successfully move into the workforce



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