EMR & Interdisciplinary Activities

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Background

- Many false starts and 'do overs'
- 1.5% of the ~3000 AHA facilities used a comprehensive EMR in '09,
- 10-20% pediatrics
- Training is Extremely time consuming
- Onsite IT support immediately available
- Reduced clinical flow for 2-4 m (daily use)

Standards

- 12/2009 Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC)
  - Interim final rule on Standards & Certification Criteria for EMRs: Regs designed to provide standards for EMRs in Medicare   http://healthit.hhs.gov
  - Public Comment ends
  - 'meaningful use' criteria
  - 3 phases – 2011 - 2015
  - ARRA incentives to convert
  - After '15, reduce reimbursement if not converted
  - Public Comment: 15 Mar: http://www.regulations.gov

Reducing Fraud and Abuse

- Invisible "owned by…." audit tag
- If a non-physician practitioner enters parts of the report that is mandated to be entered by the physician, the reimbursement will be denied or down-coded
- Cut & Paste: 4 m boy "with nl dentition"
- Labs authorized NPP
- Sampling, the extrapolation: consistent error= 100% denials
- CMMS audit can go back 3 (7) years

Payments and Penalies

- Am Acad. of Professional Coders
  - www.aapc.com

Compare Products

- AAP Council on Clinical Information Technology
  - Critiques of 33 EMR venders/products
  - EMR Review Kit

  - http://www.aapcocit.org/emr/

Challenges for IDT

- No DBP/IDT templates: develop or limp along
- Disciplines combined vs separate reports
  - Discourages 'team process"
  - Invites conflicting information
- Limited signatures
- Password protected "attending statement"
  - "I personally reviewed this this patient's history, completed pertinent PEx and agree with the edited report by Dr. Fellow"
  - Where to place "attending statement" on IDT report
  - Time vs Complexity-based (fellows) coding

Short/Helpful 'Playbook'

- http://www.ttuhsc.edu/billingcompliance/documents/EMR_Playbook.pdf <http://lists.aamc.org/t/50853/37842/3760/0/>

- Encourage your institutional compliance office to review your reports, become their BFF….

- They can help find ways to compliance

Thanks You