

Breakout Session I - Utilization of Mid-level Providers (NP, PA) and Coding/Reimbursement Implications

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Description:

This session will cover the various models, seen in KZA client practices, for utilization of non-physician practitioners (NPPs). The utilization of NPPs varies from beginning location in the outpatient vs. inpatient setting to being physician specific or group oriented. Additionally, we will discuss the various methods of payer reimbursement – direct billing vs. incident to vs. split/shared and Medicare’s criteria. At the end of the session you should be able to unravel these baffling guidelines to bolster compliance.

Objectives:

1. Describe the types of services that may be billed incident to vs. direct, per Medicare.
2. Discuss two common models for NPP utilization in a neurosurgery practice.
3. Calculate Medicare’s reimbursement for NPP services.