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Section 1557 is the nondiscrimination provision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). This brief guide explains Section 1557 in more detail and what your practice needs to do to meet the requirements of this federal law. Includes sample notices of nondiscrimination, as well as taglines translated for the top 15 languages by state.

The annual CPT "TM" Professional Edition provides the most comprehensive and convenient access to a complete listing of descriptive terms, identifying codes, and anatomical and procedural illustrations for reporting medical services and procedures. The 1999 edition includes more than 500 code changes. To make coding easy, color-coded keys are used for identifying section and sub-headings, and pre-installed thumb-notch tabs speed searching through codes. Also includes 125 procedural and anatomical illustrations and an at-a-glance list of medical vocabulary.

A managed care expert overviews the history, structure, regulation, and issues of the complex US health care system. This second edition work was originally published by Aspen in 2002.

Much of the information is distilled from another of the doctor's books, The Managed Care Handbook, 4th ed. An extensive glossary is included, but there are no refer

Long-Term Care Skilled Services: Applying Medicare's Rules to Clinical Practice Avoid common mistakes that compromise compliance and payment Take the mystery out of skilled services and know when to skill a resident based on government regulations, Medicare updates, the MDS 3.0, and proven strategies. "Long-Term Care Skilled Services: Applying Medicare's Rules to Clinical Practice" illustrates the role played by nurses, therapists, and

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MDS coordinators in the application and documentation of resident care. Don't miss out on the benefits and reimbursement you deserve, as author Elizabeth Malzahn delivers clear, easy-to-understand examples and explanations of the right way to manage the skilled services process. This book will help you: Increase your skilled census and improve your facility's reputation with the support of your entire staff Avoid under- and overpayments from Medicare with easy-to-understand explanations of complex rules and regulations Provide necessary skilled services to each resident through a complete understanding of eligibility requirements Accurately document skilled services using proven, time-saving solutions Properly assess skilled services under the MDS 3.0 Improve communication to increase resident and family satisfaction Reduce audit risk and prove medical necessity through accurate documentation Table of Contents Rules and Regulations Original law - Social Security and Medicare Act CMS publications Manuals Transmittals MLN matters National and local coverage determinations "RAI User's Manual " Hierarchy of oversight CMS-MAC/FI, OIG, GAO, etc. Technical Eligibility for Skilled Services in LTC Eligibility basics Verification of current benefits How enrollment in other programs impacts coverage under traditional Medicare Hospice HMO/managed care/Medicare Advantage Medicaid/Medi-Cal Hospital stay requirement 30-Day transfer rule for hospital or SNF Understanding benefit periods Care continuation related to hospitalization How does a denial of payment for new admissions impact Medicare SNF admissions? Meeting the Regulatory Guidelines For "Skilled" Services Skilled services defined Regulatory citations and references Clinical skilled services Therapy skilled services Physician certifications and recertification Presumption of coverage Understanding "practical matter" criteria for nursing home placement Impact of a leave of absence on eligibility MDS 3.0 - Assessments, Sections

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and Selection...Oh My! Brief history of MDS 3.0 Types of MDS assessments The assessment schedule Items to consider Importance of timing Review of each care-related section of the MDS 3.0 Proper Communication During the Part A Stay Medicare meeting Timinng Agenda What to discuss for each resident Ending skilled services Notification requirements Discharging Other notification requirements and communication Other Important Things to Know Medicare myths Consolidated billing Medical review Audience Administrators, CFO/CEOs, directors of nursing, MDS coordinators, directors of rehab, therapy directors, PT/OT/ST, DONs.

The CMS Hospital Conditions of Participation and Interpretive Guidelines

Credentialing for Managed Care: Compliant Processes for Health Plan and Delegated Entities

Amy M. Niehaus, CPMSM, CPCS, MBA New to managed care credentialing? Whether you work for a health plan or a hospital medical staff services department, this how-to guide answers all of your health plan credentialing and enrollment questions. Learn the regulatory and accreditation requirements related to managed care credentialing, including those from CMS, NCQA, and URAC. Author Amy M. Niehaus, CPMSM, CPCS, MBA, provides readers with the guidance to create a comprehensive and compliant credentialing program to support your health plan or to streamline your hospital's provider enrollment process through delegation. MSPs in all healthcare environments can benefit from understanding credentialing in the managed care world to support their organizational goals of compliance, operational efficiency, cost savings, and practitioner satisfaction. This book will help you: * Understand NCQA, URAC, and CMS requirements for health plans * Develop a comprehensive and compliant managed care credentialing program * Establish delegated credentialing

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agreements * Audit credentials files * Recognize how payer credentialing requirements impact other healthcare organizations * Streamline provider enrollment through delegation * Identify the differences between hospital and managed care credentialing * Evaluate whether a credentials verification organization is right for your organization

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Elder Law Practice in Tennessee covers all aspects of elder law as it currently exists in

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Tennessee. This one volume treatise addresses senior citizens and the law relevant to the legal practitioner and others providing allied services. Using this book as a guide, you can feel confident when: • planning for medical, financial, and quality of life decisions, • setting up a conservatorship, • making ethical considerations in elder law practice, • choosing housing options for an elderly client, and • planning for long-term care. The appendices include an Elder Law Planning Questionnaire for client use, a table of current public benefits figures, life estate and life expectancy tables, as well as a resource directory.

Health Insurance and Managed Care: What They Are and How They Work is a concise introduction to the workings of health insurance and managed care within the American health care system. Written in clear and accessible language, this text offers an historical overview of managed care before walking the reader through the organizational structures, concepts, and practices of the health insurance and managed care industry. The Fifth Edition is a thorough update that addresses the current status of The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), including political pressures that have been partially successful in implementing changes. This new edition also explores the changes in provider payment models and medical management methodologies that can affect managed care plans and health insurer.

The 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA, P.L. 111-148) requires certain health insurers to provide consumer rebates if they do not meet a

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set financial target known as a medical loss ratio (MLR). At its most basic, a MLR measures the share of health care premium dollars spent on medical benefits, as opposed to company expenses such as overhead or profits. For example, if an insurer collects \$100,000 in premiums and spends \$85,000 on medical care, the MLR is 85%. In general, the higher the MLR, the more value a policyholder receives for his or her premium dollar. The ACA requires an annual, minimum 80% MLR for individual and small group insurance plans, and an annual, minimum 85% MLR for large group plans. Congress imposed the MLR to provide "greater transparency and accountability around the expenditures made by health insurers and to help bring down the cost of health care."

In addition to reprinting the PDF of the CMS CoPs and Interpretive Guidelines, we include key Survey and Certification memos that CMS has issued to announced changes to the emergency preparedness final rule, fire and smoke door annual testing requirements, survey team composition and investigation of complaints, infection control screenings, and legionella risk reduction.

An introductory textbook derived from the bestseller the Managed Health Care Handbook, Second Edition, this text provides all the basic information needed to learn critical concepts of managed care. Everything from types of managed care organizations, negotiating and contracting to controlling utilization and using data

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reports in medical management. An instructor's manual is available upon request. Managed care has produced dramatic changes in the treatment of mental health and substance abuse problems, known as behavioral health. *Managing Managed Care* offers an urgently needed assessment of managed care for behavioral health and a framework for purchasing, delivering, and ensuring the quality of behavioral health care. It presents the first objective analysis of the powerful multimillion-dollar accreditation industry and the key accrediting organizations. *Managing Managed Care* draws evidence-based conclusions about the effectiveness of behavioral health treatments and makes recommendations that address consumer protections, quality improvements, structure and financing, roles of public and private participants, inclusion of special populations, and ethical issues. The volume discusses trends in managed behavioral health care, highlighting the emerging role of the purchaser. The committee explores problems of overlap and fragmentation in the delivery of behavioral health care and discusses the issue of access, a special concern when private systems are restricted and public systems overburdened. Highly applicable to the larger health care system, this volume will be of particular interest to all stakeholders in behavioral health--federal and state policymakers, public and private purchasers, health care providers and administrators, consumers and consumer advocates,

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accrediting organizations, and health services researchers.

This is the most comprehensive CPT coding resource published by the American Medical Association. This new Professional Edition provides all the features of the Standard Edition plus many extras. it contains: 100 anatomical and procedural illustrations; an overview of modifiers and abbreviations; Color-coded keys for easy identification of section headings; New procedural drawings for visual confirmation of procedures being coded.

Rev. ed. of: Essentials of managed health care / edited by Peter R. Kongstvedt. 5th ed. c2007.

"Explains for those 65 and older how to make [choices] in the annual Medicare enrollment period to maximize your health coverage without overpaying"--

This combination textbook and workbook, explains each phase of the medical claim cycle, from the time the patient calls for an appointment until the financial transaction for the encounter is completed. Coverage includes types of insurance payers, basic coding and billing rules, and standard requirements for outpatient billing using the CMS-1500 claim form. It also emphasizes legal aspects related to each level of the medical claim cycle and the importance of the medical office employee, showing their responsibility for and impact on successful reimbursement. 3 separate chapters offer coverage of the basic concepts of medical coding. A comprehensive overview of the CMS-1500 claim form with step-by-step guidelines and illustrations thoroughly covers reimbursement issues and explains the billing process. Includes

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detailed information on various insurance payers and plans including Medicare, government medical plans, disability plans, private indemnity plans, and managed care. Stop & Review sections illustrate how the concepts presented in each chapter relate to real-life billing situations. Sidebars and Examples highlight key concepts and information related to the core text lesson. A companion CD-ROM contains sample patient and insurance information that readers can use to practice completing the accompanying CMS-1500 claim form, as well as a demonstration of Altapoint practice management software. Features completely updated information that reflects the many changes in the insurance industry. Contains a new chapter on UB-92 insurance billing for hospitals and outpatient facilities. Includes a new appendix, Quick Guide to HIPAA for the Physician's Office, to provide a basic overview of the important HIPAA-related information necessary on the job.

The origins of managed health care -- Types of managed care organizations and integrated health care delivery systems -- Network management and reimbursement -- Management of medical utilization and quality -- Internal operations -- Medicare and Medicaid -- Regulation and accreditation in managed care.

Instructor Resources: Test bank, PowerPoint slides, discussion points for the book's end-of-chapter discussion questions and additional questions and discussion points, teaching tips, chapter overviews, and a transition guide to the new edition. Healthcare affects the lives of most Americans and absorbs a large portion of the United States' resources. It also is continually debated, prompting ongoing legislative changes and market restructuring. One of the best ways to understand healthcare, in all its complexity, is from an economic perspective--that is, from the perspective of the financial self-interest of all involved parties.

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Health Policy Issues: An Economic Perspective takes just such an approach. Renowned author Paul J. Feldstein describes the forces that press for change in healthcare and explains why the US health system has evolved to its current state. This book's 38 concise, issue-oriented chapters cover various aspects of the US health system, including the cost of medical care, health insurance, Medicare and Medicaid, physician and nursing shortages, medical school admittance, malpractice reform, prescription drugs, and more. Throughout, the book integrates information about the most significant health policy enacted in many years--the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Discussion questions, key points, and further readings round out every chapter. Thoroughly revised and updated with current data and research findings, this seventh edition includes new and expanded content on the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act, physician malpractice reform, employee health benefits, generic drug shortages, political versus economic markets, and much more. The updated content includes three new chapters: "Should Profits in Healthcare Be Prohibited?" discusses the role of profits and the consequences of eliminating profit. "Health Associations and the Political Marketplace" focuses on the types of legislation demanded by different health associations and explores the economic self-interest of each association's members and policy preferences. "The Affordable Care Act: Did It Achieve Its Goals?" examines one of the most important objectives of the ACA--to reduce the number of uninsured Americans--and complements the ACA coverage throughout the book. For 25 years, Health Policy Issues: An Economic Perspective has been highly regarded in the field of health policy. By illuminating the intersection of economics and policy, this topical book helps readers gain a better understanding of the ever-changing and multifaceted healthcare delivery system.

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Summary of Medicare benefits, coverage options, rights and protections, and answers to the most frequently asked questions about Medicare.

In *Unmanageable Care*, anthropologist Jessica M. Mulligan goes to work at an HMO and records what it's really like to manage care. Set at a health insurance company dubbed Acme, this book chronicles how the privatization of the health care system in Puerto Rico transformed the experience of accessing and providing care on the island. Through interviews and participant observation, the book explores the everyday contexts in which market reforms were enacted. It follows privatization into the compliance department of a managed care organization, through the visits of federal auditors to a health plan, and into the homes of health plan members who recount their experiences navigating the new managed care system. In the 1990s and early 2000s, policymakers in Puerto Rico sold off most of the island's public health facilities and enrolled the poor, elderly and disabled into for-profit managed care plans. These reforms were supposed to promote efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and high quality care. Despite the optimistic promises of market-based reforms, the system became more expensive, not more efficient; patients rarely behaved as the expected health-maximizing information processing consumers; and care became more chaotic and difficult to access. Citizens continued to look to the state to provide health services for the poor, disabled, and elderly. This book argues that pro-market reforms failed to deliver on many of their promises. The health care system in Puerto Rico was dramatically transformed, just not according to plan.

Medicare For Dummies, 2nd Edition (9781119293392) was previously published as *Medicare For Dummies*, 2nd Edition (9781119079422). While this version features a new *Dummies* cover and design, the content is the same as the prior release and should not be considered a

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new or updated product. Make your way through the Medicare maze with help from For Dummies America's baby boomers are now turning 65 at the rate of about 10,000 a day. Yet very few have any idea about how Medicare works, when they should sign up, or how the program fits in with other health insurance they may have. Medicare For Dummies, 2nd Edition provides a detailed road map for navigating Medicare's often-baffling complexities and helps consumers avoid pitfalls that could otherwise cost them dearly. In plain language, the new edition explains: How to qualify for Medicare, according to your personal circumstances, including new information on the rights of people in same-sex marriages When to sign up at the time that's right for you, to avoid lifelong late penalties How to weigh Medicare's many options so you can be confident of making the decision that's best for you What Medicare covers and what you pay, with up-to-date details of the costs of premiums, deductibles, and copays—and how you may be able to reduce those expenses By conveying not only the basics but also how to troubleshoot problems and where to find assistance, Medicare For Dummies, 2nd Edition helps you to get the most out of Medicare.

The federal government operates six major health care programs that serve nearly 100 million Americans. Collectively, these programs significantly influence how health care is provided by the private sector. Leadership by Example explores how the federal government can leverage its unique position as regulator, purchaser, provider, and research sponsor to improve care - not only in these six programs but also throughout the nation's health care system. The book describes the federal programs and the populations they serve: Medicare

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(elderly), Medicaid (low income), SCHIP (children), VHA (veterans), TRICARE (individuals in the military and their dependents), and IHS (native Americans). It then examines the steps each program takes to assure and improve safety and quality of care. The Institute of Medicine proposes a national quality enhancement strategy focused on performance measurement of clinical quality and patient perceptions of care. The discussion on which this book focuses includes recommendations for developing and pilot-testing performance measures, creating an information infrastructure for comparing performance and disseminating results, and more. Leadership by Example also includes a proposed research agenda to support quality enhancement. The third in the series of books from the Quality of Health Care in America project, this well-targeted volume will be important to all readers of *To Err Is Human* and *Crossing the Quality Chasm* - as well as new readers interested in the federal government's role in health care.

Managed Care Pharmacy Practice, Second Edition offers information critical to the development and operation of a managed care pharmacy program. The text also covers the changes that have taken place within the delivery of pharmacy services, as well as the evolving role of pharmacists.

Recent debates on Medicare reform focus on prescription drug coverage,

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expanding managed-care choices, or technical issues of payment policy. Despite all the heat generated by these issues, Edward F. Lawlor's new book, *Redesigning the Medicare Contract*, demonstrates that fundamental questions of purpose and policy design for Medicare have been largely ignored. Challenging conventional ideas, Lawlor suggests that we look at Medicare as a contract between the federal government, the program's beneficiaries, and health care providers. Medicare reform, then, would involve rewriting this contract so that it more successfully serves the interests of both beneficiaries and taxpayers. To do this, Lawlor argues that we must improve the agency of the program—the informational, organizational, and incentive elements that assure Medicare program carries out beneficiary and taxpayer interests in providing the most appropriate, high-quality care possible. The book includes a chapter devoted solely to concepts and applications that give definition to this brand of agency theory. Lawlor's innovative agency approach is matched with lucid explanation of the more comprehensive groundwork in the history and politics of the Medicare program. Lawlor's important and timely book reframes the Medicare debate in a productive manner and effectively analyzes alternatives for reform. Lawlor argues that effective policy design for Medicare requires greater appreciation of the vulnerability of beneficiaries, the complexity of the program itself, its wide

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geographical variations in services and financing, and the realistic possibilities for government and private sector roles. Tackling difficult problems like end-of-life and high-tech care—and offering sensible solutions—Redesigning the Medicare Contract will interest political scientists, economists, policy analysts, and health care professionals alike.

The U.S. Census Bureau has reported that 56.7 million Americans had some type of disability in 2010, which represents 18.7 percent of the civilian noninstitutionalized population included in the 2010 Survey of Income and Program Participation. The U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA) provides disability benefits through the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program and the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. As of December 2015, approximately 11 million individuals were SSDI beneficiaries, and about 8 million were SSI beneficiaries. SSA currently considers assistive devices in the nonmedical and medical areas of its program guidelines. During determinations of substantial gainful activity and income eligibility for SSI benefits, the reasonable cost of items, devices, or services applicants need to enable them to work with their impairment is subtracted from eligible earnings, even if those items or services are used for activities of daily living in addition to work. In addition, SSA considers assistive devices in its medical disability determination

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process and assessment of work capacity. The Promise of Assistive Technology to Enhance Activity and Work Participation provides an analysis of selected assistive products and technologies, including wheeled and seated mobility devices, upper-extremity prostheses, and products and technologies selected by the committee that pertain to hearing and to communication and speech in adults.

Considers legislation to revise longshoremen workmen's compensation benefits and to establish health and safety programs for longshoremen and marine construction workers. Also considers legislation to charge expenses for administration of compensation program to insurance carriers and self-insurers.

Health Insurance and Managed Care: What They Are and How They Work (formerly titled Managed Care: What It Is and How It Works) is a concise introduction to the foundations of the American managed health care system. Written in clear and accessible language, this handy guide offers an historical overview of managed care and then walks the reader through the organizational structures, concepts, and practices of the managed care industry. The Fourth Edition is a thorough update that addresses the impact of the Affordable Care Act throughout the industry including: - New underwriting requirements - New marketing and sales channels - Limitations on sales, governance, and

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administrative (SG&A) costs and profits - New provider organizations such as Patient Centered Medical Homes (PCHMs) and Accountable Care Organizations (ACO's) - New payment mechanisms such as shared savings with ACOs, and severity-adjusted diagnosis related groups - Changes to Medicare Advantage - Medicaid expansion and reliance on Medicaid managed care

Stay up on the latest in insurance billing and coding with Marilyn Fordney's Insurance Handbook for the Medical Office, 14th Edition. Trusted for more than 30 years, this market-leading handbook equips you to succeed as medical insurance specialist in any of today's outpatient settings. Coverage emphasizes the role of the medical insurance specialist in areas such as diagnostic coding, procedural coding, Medicare, HIPAA, and bill collection strategies. As with previous editions, all the plans that are most commonly encountered in clinics and physicians offices are incorporated into the text, as well as icons for different types of payers, lists of key abbreviations, and numerous practice exercises that assist you in accurately filling out claim forms. This new edition also features expanded coverage of ICD-10, electronic medical records, electronic claims submission, and the HIPAA 5010 keeping you one step ahead of the latest practices and protocols of the profession. Key terms are defined and emphasized throughout the text to reinforce understanding of new concepts and

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terminology. Separate chapter on HIPAA Compliance in Insurance Billing, as well as Compliance Alerts throughout the text highlights important HIPAA compliance issues to ensure readers are compliant with the latest regulations. Emphasis on the business of running a medical office and the importance of the medical insurance specialist details the importance of the medical insurance specialist in the business of the medical office. Increased focus on electronic filing/claims submission prepares readers for the industry-wide transition to electronic claims submission. Separate chapter on documentation in the medical office covers the principles of medical documentation and the rationales for it. "Service to Patient" features in most chapters offer examples of good customer service. User resources on the Evolve companion website feature performance checklists, self-assessment quizzes, the Student Software Challenge (with cases on different payer types and an interactive CMS-1500 (02-12) form to fill in). NEW! Expanded coverage of ICD-10 prepares users to code ICD-10 with the planned effective date of October 2015. NEW! Added information on the electronic medical record and electronic claims submission including information on the HIPAA 5010 equips users for the transition between paper and electronic methods of medical records and links the CMS-1500 (02-12) form to the electronic submissions process. NEW! SimChart for the Medical Office (SCMO) application activities on

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the companion Evolve website adds additional functionality to the insurance module on the SCMO roadmap."

Medicare is a federal program that pays for covered health care services of qualified beneficiaries. It was established in 1965 under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide health insurance to individuals 65 and older, and has been expanded over the years to include permanently disabled individuals under 65. Medicare, which consists of four parts (A-D), covers hospitalizations, physician services, prescription drugs, skilled nursing facility care, home health visits, and hospice care, among other services.

Generally, individuals are eligible for Medicare if they or their spouse worked for at least 40 quarters in Medicare-covered employment, are 65 years old, and are a citizen or permanent resident of the United States. Individuals may also qualify for coverage if they are a younger person with a permanent disability, have End-Stage Renal disease (permanent kidney failure requiring dialysis or transplant), or have amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease). The program is administered by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and by private entities that contract with CMS to provide claims processing, auditing, and quality oversight services. In FY2013, the program will cover approximately 52 million persons (43 million aged and 9 million disabled) at a total cost of about \$606 billion, accounting for approximately 3.7% of GDP. Spending under the program (except for a portion of administrative costs) is considered mandatory spending and is not subject to the appropriations process.

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Services provided under Parts A and B (also referred to as “traditional Medicare”), are generally paid directly by the government on a “fee-for-service” basis, using different prospective payment systems or fee schedules. Under Parts C and D, private insurers are paid a monthly “capitated” amount to provide enrollees with at least a minimum standard benefit. Medicare is required to pay for all covered services provided to eligible persons, so long as specific criteria are met. Since 1965, the Medicare program has undergone considerable change. For example, during the 111th Congress, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA; P.L. 111-148 and P.L. 111-152) made numerous changes to the Medicare program that modify provider reimbursements, provide incentives to increase the quality and efficiency of care, and enhance certain Medicare benefits. However, in the absence of further congressional action, the Medicare program is expected to be unsustainable in the long run. The Hospital Insurance (Part A) trust fund has been estimated to become insolvent in 2024. Additionally, although the Supplementary Medical Insurance (Parts B and D) trust fund is financed in large part through federal general revenues and cannot become insolvent, associated spending growth is expected to put increasing strains on the country's competing priorities. As such, Medicare is expected to be a high-priority issue in the 113th Congress, and Congress may consider a variety of Medicare reform options ranging from further modifications of provider payment mechanisms to redesigning the entire program.

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To provide effective service in helping clients understand how they are going to be affected by health care reform and how to obtain coverage, pursue an appeal, or plan for long-term care or retirement, you need the most current information from a source you can trust - Medicare Handbook. This is the indispensable resource for clarifying Medicare's confusing rules and regulations. Prepared by an outstanding team of experts from the Center for Medicare Advocacy, Inc., it addresses issues you need to master to provide effective planning advice or advocacy services, including: Medicare eligibility rules and enrollment requirements; Medicare covered services, deductibles, and co-payments; coinsurance, premiums, penalties; coverage criteria for each of the programs; problem areas of concern for the advocate; grievance and appeals procedures. The 2016 Edition of Medicare Handbook offers expert guidance on: Health Care Reform Prescription Drug Coverage Enrollment and Eligibility Medigap Coverage Medicare Secondary Payer Issues Grievance and Appeals Home Health Care Managed Care Plans Hospice Care And more! In addition, Medicare Handbook will help resolve the kinds of questions that arise on a regular basis, such as: How do I appeal a denial of services? What steps do I need to take in order to receive Medicare covered home health care? What are the elements of Medicare's appeal process for the denial of coverage of an item, service, or procedure? Does my state have to help me enroll in Medicare so that I can get assistance through a Medicare Savings Program? When should I sign up for a Medigap plan? If I am on Medicare, do I have to

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buy health insurance in the insurance marketplace created by the Affordable Care Act? Is it true that I have to show medical improvement in order to get nursing and therapy services for my chronic condition? And more! The 2016 Medicare Handbook is the indispensable resource that provides: Extensive discussion and examples of how Medicare rules apply in the real world Case citations, checklists, worksheets, and other practice tools to help in obtaining coverage for clients, while minimizing research and drafting time Practice pointers and cautionary notes regarding coverage and eligibility questions where advocacy problems arise, and those areas in which coverage has been reduced or denied And more!

"A must-read for both current and future retirees." —Robert Powell, Retirement Daily
Includes the Most Up-to-Date Information for 2020-2021 Confused by Medicare? Get answers from Maximize Your Medicare, an informative guide by nationally recognized expert Jae W. Oh. Maximize Your Medicare helps readers understand how and what to choose when deciding on Medicare options. This book shows readers how to: Enroll in Medicare and avoid never-ending penalties Compare Medigap vs. Medicare Advantage Discern the differences among Parts A, B, and D Increase benefits every year Avoid costly errors Deal with special circumstances Get the most from the plan Written in a clear and concise style, Maximize Your Medicare is a vital resource for every American aged sixty-five or older, as well as for their families and care coordinators.

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