Medical Coding and Billing Specialist

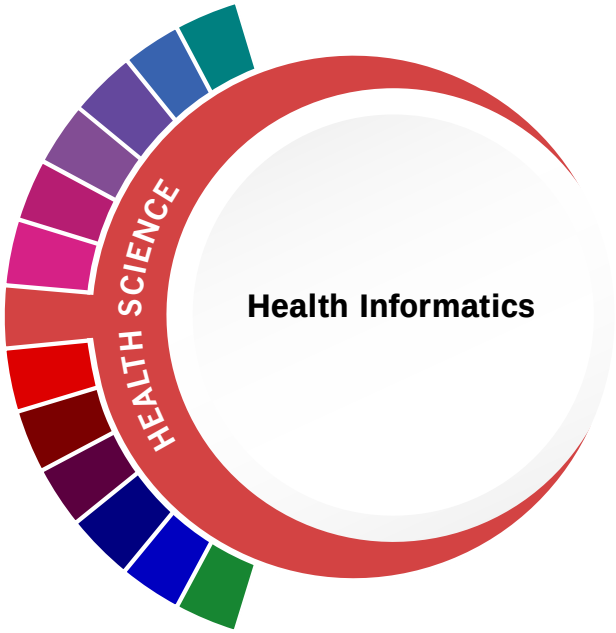
INDUSTRY-BASED CERTIFICATION DESCRIPTION

The primary duty of a medical coder and biller is to code various medical diagnoses, procedures, or symptoms which are then submitted to Medicare, Medicaid, and insurance companies in order to receive reimbursements. Hospitals, clinics, and physicians must submit the correct codes to receive compensation for patient treatment; therefore, medical billing and coding professionals are indispensable members of any medical office.

Medical billing and coding exams may include the following competencies. A biller and coder should understand how to apply their knowledge of coding and identify major laws, regulations, and administrative agencies relevant to medical billing. In addition, understanding how to verify insurance eligibility to determine benefits, ensuring accurate collection of appropriate patient demographic and insurance information and being able to analyze the aging report are important pieces to a coding and billing specialist.

The following certifying entities have competencies required earn this certification. Districts should choose the exam provider who is best aligned with their regional employers.

For additional information, please visit the links below for each entity.



CERTIFYING ENTITIES	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
American Allied Health 479-553-7614 https://www.americanalliedhealth.com/	Exam Name: Medical Coding and Billing Specialist (MCBS) Exam Webpage: https://www.americanalliedhealth.com/pages/medical-coding-and-billing.html Number of Questions: 150 questions Question Type: Multiple Choice questions Exam Time: 2 hours	Exam Site: Campus based proctored exam Exam Price: $105 Candidate Requirements: http://www.americanalliedhealth.com/certifications.php Study Materials & Resources: https://www.americanalliedhealth.com/resources.php
National Healthcareer Association Toll-Free: (800) 499-9092 https://www.nhanow.com/	Exam Name: Certfied Billing and Coding Specialist (CBCS) Exam Webpage: https://www.nhanow.com/certifications/billing-coding Number of Questions: 100 scored items 20 pretest items Question Type: Multiple choice questions Exam Time: 2 hours	Exam Site: Campus based proctored exam Exam Price: $117 Candidate Requirements: https://www.nhanow.com/docs/default-source/pdfs/handbooks/candidate_handbook_03_2019 Study Materials & Resources: https://certportal-store.nhanow.com/category/cbcs/

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National Center for Competency Testing 800-875-4404 https://www.ncctinc.com/	Exam Name: National Certified Insurance and Coding Specilaist (NCICS) Exam Webpage: https://www.ncctinc.com/ Number of Questions: 100 scored items and 25 unscored pretest items Question Type: Multiple choice questions Exam Time: 3 hours	Exam Site: Campus based proctored exam Exam Price: $90 Candidate Requirements: https://www.ncctinc.com/certifications/ins Study Materials & Resources: https://www.ncctinc.com/beyond
American Allied Health 479-553-7614 https://www.americanalliedhealth.com/	Exam Name: Medical Biller and Coder (CMCB) Exam Webpage: https://www.americanalliedhealth.com/pages/medical-coding-and-billing.html Number of Questions: 150 questions Question Type: Multiple choice questions Exam Time: 2 hours	Exam Site: Campus based proctored exam Exam Price: $105 Candidate Requirements: http://www.americanalliedhealth.com/certifications.php Study Materials & Resources: https://www.americanalliedhealth.com/resources.php