# Powerful Strategies to Drive Revenue Growth

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## **Financial & Production Impact from COVID-19**

**97%** of practices have experienced a negative financial impact with 1% saying no and 2% being unsure.

55% decrease in revenue and 60% reduction in patient volumes; varying based on specialty or services provided.

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#### **CPT Analysis - Some questions to ask...**

- Billable services Specialty
  - Are you an Orthopedist? How are you billing your fracture care?
  - The rheumatology clinic. How are you billing your infusions and injections?
- Local Coverage Determination and Payer Specifics Guidelines
  - Payable services Medicare ad Commercial Payers
  - Documentation Requirements
- Code Correct Initiative
  - Reduce bundling denials (CO97)
  - Correct Modifier
- Medical Necessity
  - ICD-10 assignment
    - Unspecified
    - Symptom vs definitive dx



#### **Capturing All Ancillary Services**

- Nurse visits 99211
- Blood draws
- Anticoagulant testing (PTINR)
- Labs (urinalysis)

#### **Routine Documentation and Coding Audits**

- Provider E/M Audit and Education
- Monthly E/M Bell Curve Review
  - Peer Speciality Group

#### **Yearly Coding and Billing Updates- Thinking Ahead**

- ICD-10 October
- CPT January New, deleted, and revised codes.
- 2021 E/M

#### **Clean Claim Submission**

Review claims for accuracy to include but not limited to:

- Place of service and facility
- Billing, rendering, and supervising physician
- Date of Service
- CPT/ICD-10 Code assignment
  - Documentation
- Modifiers
- Missed or added procedures based on documentation
  - Documentation



### **Denial Management**

- Identify Denial Reason
  - CAS Code analysis Top Ten denials:
  - Determine if the denial is payer specific or coding error
    - Payer "non-covered service" or "not medically indicated."
    - Coding Error training and education

- Action Plan Prevention
  - Provider Education
  - EMR utilization



### **Tools for Charge Reconciliation**

- 1. eClinicalWorks Rules Engine Edit
- 2. Explosion Codes
  - a. Medicare administration codes for vaccines vs Commercial
- Code Correct Edits
- 4. IMO Smart Search
  - a. ICD10
- 5. Mandatory Diagnosis
  - a. LCD and Procedure and Medical Necessity



### **New Services & Revenue Opportunities**

- 1. Chronic Care Management (CCM)
- 2. Transitional Care Management (TCM)
- 3. NPP's Incident to through post operative follow up
- 4. Durable Medical Equipment (DME)
- 5. HEDIS, Risk Adjustment
- 6. Advanced Care Planning
- 7. Smoking Cessation, Depression Screening and Other Counseling Services
- 8. Preventative Care / Annual Wellness Exam (AWE)
  - a. Same day sick visit
- 9. Telehealth: Is there a future?



- 1. Payments
- 2. Denials
- 3. No Response
- 4. Patient Outreach

#### **Payments**

- Identifying payments and remittances received by paper
- Enrolling in EFT and ERA for all payers when possible can often result in expedited payments and reduce turnaround time for denials or underpayments.
- ERAs provide trending data

#### **Denials**

When working insurance level claim denials it is important to identify payer trends, determine root cause of denial trends, and create action plans to prevent future related denials

#### **Understanding payer CAS Codes**

- It is important to know that while the same CAS codes are used nationally, not all payers use CAS Codes the same way.
- Don't base your action to resolving the denial solely on the CAS code description.
- Review CAS codes by payer group

#### No Response

- Know how long an insurance typically takes to accept and then process a claim
- Quickly identify claims submitted but no acknowledgement received from the payer
- Identify why the initial claim was not received before submitting again or you could contribute to additional delays or no response.
- Be aware of state Insurance processing and payment laws
- Utilize respective state prompt pay statutes as leverage to reduce delays in claims processing



#### **Patient Outreach**

- Creating letters to the patient requesting assistance
- Coordination of Benefits
- Delay in processing or payment by insurance

## **Reporting & Analytics**



## **Data to Support Charge Reconciliation**

- Encounters Without Claims
- Charge Lag from DOS to Locked Encounters and/or Claims Submission
- Rounding/Surgical List vs. Claims

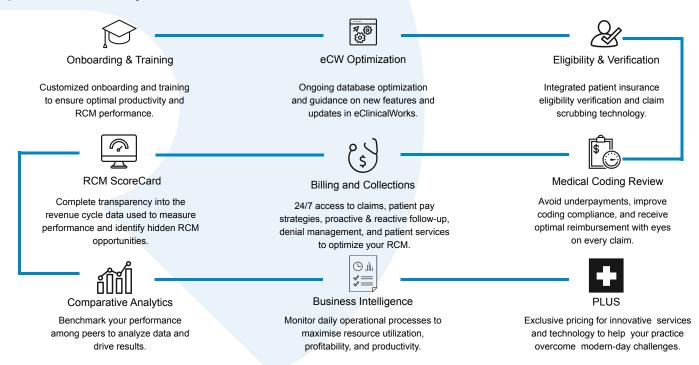


### **Data to Support AR Recovery**

- Aging Summaries & Detail
- Days in AR Monitoring
- Denial Trending
- Payment Lags
- Payments without Claims or Unposted Payments

#### **End-to-End RCM Solution**

A complete revenue cycle solution for eCW users.



## **Q & A**

How can we help <u>your practice</u>?

