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MEDICAL CODING

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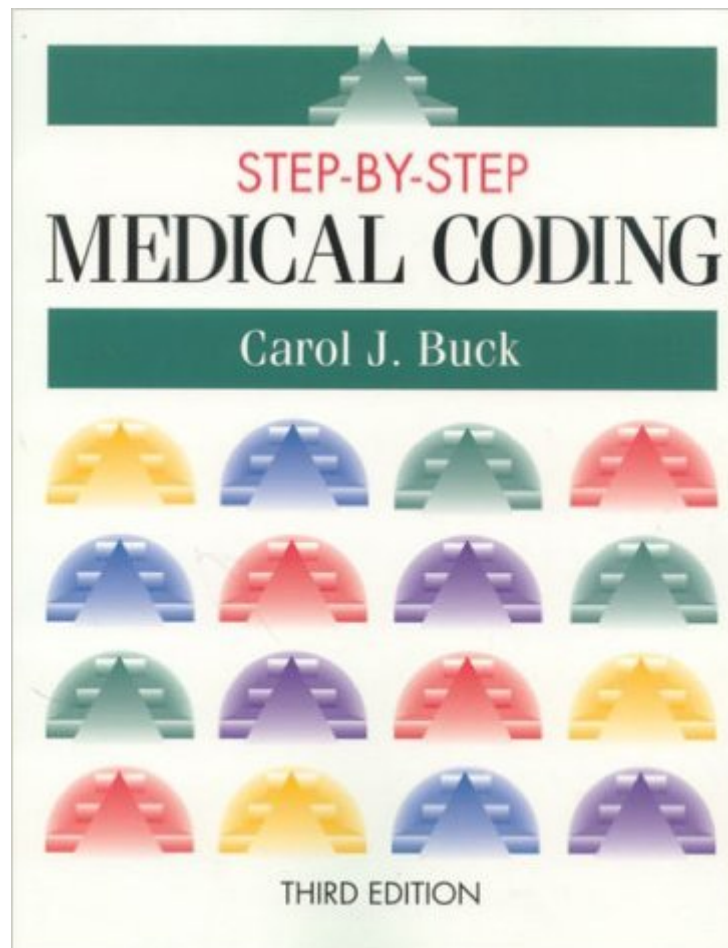
Synopsis

This text shows readers how to identify the right codes for the diagnoses or services provided and how to use those codes to obtain reimbursement correctly. It covers Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), HCFA Common Procedure Coding System and Documentation Guidelines for Evaluation & Management Services, ICD-9-CM, Official Coding Guidelines, Ambulatory Patient Groups and Classifications (APGs & APCs), Diagnosis Related Groups (DRGs), Resource-Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS), Medicare, Peer Review Organizations (PROs), HMOs, ICD-10-CM, and ICD-10-PCS. The 4th Edition: A great reference for the bookstore! Encourage stores to stock this title in their reference sections and to feature it on their web sites for customers who would are interested in learning this subject on their own. This complete self-study course on coding combines content, practice, and self-assessment into one online learning tool that students can follow at their own pace. The online program assumes the role of instructor, guiding individuals through the material and directing them when to read relevant sections from the text, checking their comprehension along the way, and providing feedback and encouragement.

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Customer Reviews

This book is great on information and the way they explain everything. The problem is there is no answer keys on the chapter review questions. This is hard if you are doing this as a self study. You have no way of checking your answers. I had to enroll through evolve's on line self study program to

get the answers. The cost was $39.95. This on line self study is well worth the money. They ask questions that is not in the book. There is a workbook that goes with this book. The workbook is good as far as giving you practice exercises. The problem is you only get answers on the odd number questions. You have no idea if the even number questions are right.

I was very disappointed when I found out that because I am not in school, I would not have access to the quiz/test answers. Also, I would not have access to the chapter answers either. I was preparing my self to sit and pass the CPC exam but I feel hindered. I feel that I should have been told before purchasing the book that I would have limited access to the course materials.

I rate this text 3 because if the errors in this book were corrected, it would be a very good book. I'm a Registered Nurse, taking an online Medical Coding course that uses this book and it's associated online course. Although this textbook has many good aspects (good illustrations, good practice problems, and others), there are also some troublesome problems. The main problem is that there are numerous errors in both the text and the online course, including wrong medical definitions, descriptions, and explanations; wrong answers in the answer key to practice problems; inconsistencies; many others. This may not be as big a problem if the student has a teacher to clarify. But if you are taking an online course, you are reading the entire text and course and you are relying heavily on the text for your understanding of the material. Since I can't be sure if my answer is wrong or the book is wrong, I have spent precious time tracking down correct answers and information, which eats up the time I have for learning this material. I noticed there are two RN's on the Editorial Review Board for this text, and frankly I am shocked that RN's endorsed these printed errors. I am using the 2005 edition, which appears to be a 6th edition, so I'm wondering why the publisher hasn't done a more responsible job of editing by now. If you aren't a nurse or doctor, the errors in this text will misinform you, confuse you, and/or steer you in the wrong direction in medical coding.

I bought the Step-by-Step Medical Coding 2010 Edition - Text book and Workbook Package at the sale price of$65.55 the regular price at that time was $91.95 which was a savings of $26.40. This Medical Coding Text book and Workbook Package has strengthened my ability to code the ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM/PCS Codes accurately when I was doing my homework assignments and taking online tests in college.It also helped me to apply my critical thinking skills with more than 1,000 questions from Reimbursement, HIPAAand Compliance, Modifiers, Outpatient Coding and

Reporting Guidelines, Evaluation and Management, Surgery Guidelines and General Surgery and a excellent overview of the Human Anatomy explained in these ten chapters.This is an excellent resource material for anyone pursuing a Medical Coding Career.

This is a very good tool to use to learn about coding and compliance.It has short tests that are answered in the back of the book.Any one that is looking to learn more about coding I would highly recommend this tool.

Do not buy this book!!! I bought it to prepare myself for the CPC exam. Guess what, it does not have the answers to the quizzes and exams in the book. You must be an instructor to get the answers. This is the first time I bought a review manual without the answers. Of course they did not inform you of this. Idiots!!!! The Official CPC Certification Study Guide by AAPC (ISBN 978-1-133-78894-2) is a much better buy.

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the HMO where I worked for 6 years laid me off), ripped it into tiny shreds, and tossed it out the window. And I doubt seriously that Ms Buck, a fine writer and teacher, knows about this. I'd hope the author would care. Yet there is no contact information inside the book. AND NO ANSWER SHEET FOR THE FINAL."Disgusted" is too weak a term for how I feel. And I do hope I can get both that answer sheet in email form and a refund soon. I'll go all the way through 's process to remediate this issue. Elsevier's site is full of complaints from people who made this purchase and have similar issues with Elsevier's non-support and the purchasers' inability to use their materials.

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