



Professional Association of Healthcare Coding Specialists

Specializing in Medical Practice Coding

Dear Coding Professional,

Thank you for your interest in PAHCS. We are looking forward to providing you with the benefits and support to enhance the coding profession. Networking with your fellow members and solving problems as they arise are a major benefit of PAHCS membership. A private, member only, internet communications forum called a Listserve is open for you 24/7 as an additional free benefit of membership.

Direct certification in your specialty is a milestone in your career that brings its own rewards in the form of greater prestige and compensation. Exams are offered around the country and at our National Conference. Check our website for locations and dates.

Visit our website at www.pahcs.org for more information about our organization.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at 888-708-4707. Thank you for your interest as we look forward to assisting you in achieving your coding and certification needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee Browder', written in a cursive style.

Lee Browder
National Director

Professional Association of Healthcare Coding Specialists Membership Application



Name _____

Name of Practice _____

Practice Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZipCode+4 _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZipCode+4 _____

E-mail Address _____ Cell phone No. _____

Work Telephone _____ Work Fax _____

Home Telephone _____ Home Fax _____

Mail material to my: Home Practice

Specialty of Practice _____ Number of Doctors in practice _____

Years in healthcare coding _____ Professional Designations you hold: _____

Education Completed: High School Associate Bachelor Master Doctorate

How did you hear about PAHCS? _____

Send information on the certification examinations. Send information on the National Conference.

PAHCS Membership Pledge: I agree to promote the professionalism of PAHCS through the pursuit of knowledge in healthcare coding, and to further support the Association by responding to PAHCS' survey questionnaires to the best of my ability. I certify that I am not sanctioned by the Office of the Inspector General on their Exclusions List under this name or any previous name.

Signature _____ Date _____

Enclosed is my payment for my annual membership (valid for 12 months from date of issue).

Annual Membership \$120

Method of Payment

Check AMEX MASTERCARD VISA DISCOVER

Name on Card: _____

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ Four Digit Card Code _____

Address of Card Holder: _____

Mail to: PAHCS Membership, 218 E Bearss Ave #354, Tampa FL 33613

Apply on line: www.pahcs.org **or Fax to:** 813-333-1596



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WHO ARE WE:

The Professional Association of Healthcare Coding Specialists (PAHCS) is a communications network and member support system dedicated to enhancing the compliance, documentation, and reimbursement capabilities of healthcare coders.

Through increased knowledge of coding principles, changes in coding policies, and the experiences of fellow coders in resolving coding challenges, PAHCS members confidently code for maximum and honest reimbursement.

WHO CAN JOIN:

In joining PAHCS, you become linked with thousands of healthcare coders within all medical specialties across the nation. You become an important connection in a support system that is continually strengthened by the involvement and dedication of its members. While membership is most beneficial to medical practice coders, there is no practice restriction for membership.

ACTIVE MEMBERS: Membership is open to individuals who are actively involved with healthcare coding within a healthcare organization. Membership dues are \$120 per year.

BENEFITS:

- Identification as a professional
- Quarterly newsletter, "Coding Network News"
- Certified Specialty Coder status eligibility – Active Members
- Nationwide network of friends and colleagues in specialty coding areas
- On-line membership directory
- Access to our web site and "list serve" network online with other members to keep informed or help solve coding problems
- Opportunities to serve as a National Officer or on a National Functional Committee
- Attendance at the annual national conference
- Scholarship opportunities

ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Learn from industry experts how to deal with the critical issues affecting physician practice coders. PAHCS' annual conference provides educational and networking sessions for you to exchange knowledge and to build professional bonds with health care coding professionals like yourself.

CERTIFICATION:

PAHCS offers specialty certification examinations designed to test your skills in designated medical specialties. Current examinations are offered in:

Cardiology
Dermatology
Emergency Medicine
Family Practice
Gastroenterology
General Surgery
Internal Medicine
OB/GYN

Orthopedics
Otolaryngology (ENT)
Pain Management
Pediatrics
Podiatry
Pulmonary
Urology

In addition, the credential of Certified Multi-Specialty Coding Specialist (CMSCS) will be provided to candidates successfully completing the examination covering a minimum of 3 specialties. Other specialties will be added as membership and interest develop.

MORE CODING CERTIFICATION INFORMATION: Individuals currently certified by a national organization may petition PAHCS to take only the specialty specific portion of the exam for a reduced fee. Membership in PAHCS is required. Recertification is every 2 years and 24 CEUs are required at recertification.

The AGA Institute has an agreement with PAHCS to offer their GI coders a special joint certification from both PAHCS and AGA Institute. It is important to note that the AGA Institute has reviewed the quality standards of PAHCS certification and has chosen to join forces with PAHCS to offer the credential of CGCS (certified Gastroenterology coding specialist) to their coders.

NEWSLETTER:

PAHCS' quarterly newsletter, **CODING NETWORK NEWS**, provides critical information on medical coding topics, problems and solutions. Articles on coding intricacies are written by nationally recognized coding experts to help keep you in the mainstream of coders within your specialty. Accomplishments, helpful ideas, and member questions are spotlighted in every issue.

Even if certification is not for you, membership in PAHCS will provide a unique resource for improving your current coding programs and keeping up to date with coding changes.

PRICING:

Membership: \$120 per year

Study Guide: \$65 - \$100 (depending on which study guide is ordered)

Specialty Certification Examination: \$250

Certification Renewal \$50 every two years with 24 CEUs

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