

## Do you find that... .

Coding for your services is confusing and difficult?

Do you have frequent misunderstandings and disputes with payers?

You are unsure how to best document for your services?

You are often unaware of all the compliance and regulatory issues related to billing for rehab services?

**Then this course is for YOU!**

### Attendees:

PT's, OT's, PTA's, administrators, clinic owners, and office managers

### About the Presenter

Helene Fearon, PT is a graduate of Marquette University's Physical Therapy program. She has owned and operated her own private practice, Fearon Physical Therapy, for 22 years. Helene has expertise in the area of reimbursement, fiscal management and health policy as it relates to rehabilitation services. She draws on her background of having developed and operated three Medicare Rehab agencies, a home care contracting business, two specialty practices delivering work injury management services, and a physical therapy provider network. She is consultant and peer reviewer for several payers and peer review organizations. Helene is a member of the American Medical Association's (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) process in the development and implementation of CPT codes used to describe and pay for physical therapy services across all OP setting.



# Phi Theta

UW-Madison Student  
Physical Therapy  
Organization

Presents:

Tools for Success:  
Managing in the Rehab  
Reimbursement Environment



**Fundraiser for the  
Foundation for Physical  
Therapy**

Helene M. Fearon, PT

Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009

1300 University Ave  
Madison, WI

## Course Objectives

### Understand:

- Current issues in the Federal, Legislative, and Regulatory arena and their impact on rehabilitation in 2009 and beyond
- Why physical therapy is a prime target for audit and investigation activities and the implication for physical therapy providers
- Concepts of fraud and abuse as well as the risk areas for fraudulent or abusive behavior specific to rehab
- The concept of medical necessity in private pay and applying accepted definitions to your practice environment
- The requirements of skilled care under Medicare and the information necessary to comply with these requirements
- The updated Medicare Documentation Requirements and the importance of adherence to them to justify payment
- Documentation issues from an auditor's perspective and learn how to ensure documentation content helps to minimize the risk of positive audit findings
- Learn the concepts of functional outcomes reporting in documentation
- Be able to describe the CPT codes most frequently used in describing Physical Therapist Practice (intent and application)
- Identify areas of risk in coding from a compliance perspective and learn documentation tips important in support of the use of codes to describe clinical practice (all settings)
- Learn about audit review flags that can be identified on your claims and documentation which may lead to further audit or investigation
- Learn how to minimize your risk of Medicare audit or investigation

## Course Schedule

8:00 AM- 8:30 Registration

8:30- 8:45 Introduction

8:45-10:30 Current legislative and regulatory environment; Why is PT at the center of audit/investigation? Understand concepts of fraud and abuse and where PT risk is most evident

10:30-10:45 BREAK (Snacks Provided)

10:45-12:30 Understanding/ documenting medical necessity and skilled care; Medicare documentation requirements

12:30-1:45 LUNCH (On your own)

1:45-3:15 Medicare documentation requirements; components of documentation focusing on function. Frequently reported CPT codes; Documentation to support and payment policy; other tools to facilitate payment in a challenging environment.

3:15-3:30 BREAK (Snacks Provided)

3:30-5:00 Additional tools to facilitate payment in a challenging environment; audit review flags; minimizing your risk of audit; Q/A

Please send completed registration form and check payable to:

"Phi Theta"

Attn: Phi Theta  
5175 Medical Sciences Center  
1300 University Ave  
Madison, WI 53706

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please E-mail me Directions-  
(Free Parking in Lot 20)

### Registration Fees

- \$175.00
- Approved by the WPTA for 7 contact hours
- All proceeds after expenses will be donated to the Foundation for Physical Therapy**
- EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS: **3/20/2009** after this date registration is contingent upon availability
- Refunds (minus a \$50 administrative charge) are possible before the early registration date; no refunds after that time.
- Course Location:  
1300 University Ave  
Madison, WI 53706
- Contact for questions:**  
Email: [phithetadpt@gmail.com](mailto:phithetadpt@gmail.com)  
Call: Amy Shannon at 608-262-2046