Our doctors treat us with care ... IS THIS HOW THEY SHOULD BE TREATED?

**ICD-10**
- 71,000 codes
- 8 times MORE codes than ICD-9
- $226,000 transition cost (3 physicians/2 admin)
- Cash flow disruptions $19,500-$650,000 (small to large practice)
- Six-month transition
- Payment delays

**Medicare**
**Medicare meaningful use EHR incentive program**
- 20 meaningful use measures
  - 9 clinical quality measures
- 1-percent pay cut in 2015; grows to 3 percent in 2017
- Must track metrics on ALL patients
- Fail one metric, ALL payments for that year must be returned

**Value-based purchasing**
- Report PQRS annually
  - Hire approved vendor for patient satisfaction surveys
  - Convince or coerce patients to follow recommendations for testing/treatment

**Medicare revalidation**
- Possible payment delays
- Deactivation of billing privileges
- Excessive paperwork

**ACA**
- 90-day grace period
- More time spent educating patients to pay their premiums
- More time on phone with insurers
- More cost incurred to collect payments
- Increased accounts receivable
- Write prescriptions for nonprescription drugs
- Re-enroll in Medicare, Medicaid whenever told to

**HIPAA**
- Designate a privacy officer
- Designate a security officer
- Track all disclosures (if practice has an EHR)
- Train staff on privacy and document the training occurred
- Keep all relevant HIPAA documents for 6 years from last effective date

**CLIA**
- Get license before using a microscope or administering any test
- Keep test records in required forms
- Submit to site inspection if/when requested

**PQRS**
- Demand on physician and staff time to determine best reporting method from among seven complex systems
- Learn each code’s measure specifications, reporting requirements, reporting deadlines
- Track PQRS changes annually
- Use additional codes in every claim
- Pay to report PQRS data annually
- Register with CMS in the PV-PQRS Registration System annually
- Face PQRS pay cut annually
- Monitor Physician Compare website annually for accuracy

**EHR**
- Upgrade cost
- Training
  - Revenue loss
  - Productivity loss
  - Hassle
  - documenting and entering

**Audits**
- RAC • ZPIC • MU
- Hire a lawyer
- Pay expensive legal fees
- Produce documentation
- Appeal the wrong findings

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