



PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The Advocacy Institute Is Pleased to Present

Medical Billing Review and the Usual, Reasonable, and Customary Standard in Personal Injury Cases

**November 19, 2024
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

WEBINAR

Program Summary

Injury cases often involve years of medical procedures with voluminous records that are difficult to manage and procedures that are commonly billed at rates much higher than the industry standard. These cases require the retention of an expert to audit and review medical billing, not only to detect errors, but to provide a usual, reasonable and customary (UCR) amount for each service provided, as well as PIP fee schedule rates. This essential information provides a deputy with a more accurate understanding of how much a case is actually worth, rather than an unrealistically large estimated value based on inflated billing amounts. The methodology for calculating accurate medical billing, including a UCR amount, can be also be used for additional surgeries or future care plans, which gives a deputy powerful information to use in settlement conferences or at trial. The presenter will cover what records are needed for a medical billing expert's review as well as the methodology used for UCR calculations.

Eligibility

Attendance at this program is limited to assistant and deputy attorneys general in the Division of Law's Litigation Practice Group.

Faculty

Stephanie Thomas is the owner of Elite Coding and Billing, LLC. She is retained by attorneys to complete medical billing reviews and provide guidance on what the usual, customary, and reasonable billing rates are for different medical procedures. Ms. Thomas has a wide range of

experience in medial coding and billing, which includes clinical/practice management. She provides medical billing auditing services to law firms, governmental entities, medical providers, third party billing companies and ambulatory surgery centers. She evaluates accounts for medical procedures pricing and audits medical records for accurate coding. She assists clients with implementing internal policies for billing and coding and provides instruction on clinical operations, internal audits and risk management for numerous medial practices across the country. Ms. Thomas is a Certified Professional Coder, a Certified Anesthesia and Pain Management Coder, and a member of the American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC). She has extensive knowledge of medical billing software packages and provides instruction on billing and coding practices at health conferences across the country. Ms. Thomas was previously the Billing Director of the CE Medical Group.

DAG Elizabeth Boylan is an Assistant Section Chief of the Division of Law's Tort & Judiciary Litigation Section. Prior to joining DOL, she worked in the private sector, where she represented injured individuals in personal injury and civil rights matters, as well as against criminal charges in State and municipal courts throughout New Jersey. DAG Boylan earned a B.A. from SUNY Geneseo and a J.D. from CUNY Law School.

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