

Optum™ Computer-Assisted Coding



Optum™ Computer-Assisted Coding (CAC) modernizes medical coders' daily tasks by automating ICD-9-CM and CPT® code assignment while streamlining workflow. Our CAC solution for inpatient and outpatient settings is one of the most widely accepted CAC solutions in the health care industry today.

Streamline the coding process with computer-assisted coding

Optum CAC was specifically designed and developed for hospital coders and health information management (HIM) departments to help address growing demands of complex inpatient and outpatient coding operations.

Implementing CAC can help you:

- Increase coder productivity by reducing or eliminating coding backlogs, overtime, and dependency on contract coding services
- Improve coding accuracy by identifying and capturing ICD-9-CM and CPT® codes based on clinical documentation, correctly capturing case mix index (CMI), and decreasing external audit dependency and costs
- Advance consistency with standardization which leaves less room for interpretation and enhances the quality of less-experienced coders
- Boost revenue by shortening the reimbursement cycle, decreasing the number of denials and re-bills, and reducing administrative costs
- Enhance compliance with complete traceability of codes to document for internal and external auditing
- Strengthen compliance and mitigate RAC risk

Optum CAC is a cost-effective solution that will streamline your coding and reimbursement processes.

Optum's LifeCode® natural language processing technology

LifeCode's patented natural language processing (NLP) technology serves as the platform for all our CAC solutions. LifeCode leverages more than 10 million medical facts and can understand and interpret the English language similar to that of a human, including syntax and grammar. The entire text-based medical record is read, reviewed, and automatically assigned compliant ICD-9-CM and CPT® codes. This helps coders to quickly and accurately audit the LifeCode engine's code assignments.

Optum Computer-Assisted Coding for hospitals

Optum CAC unifies hybrid medical records by presenting the coder with one consolidated view of the case, including all electronic medical records and scanned image documentation pertinent to the coding process. The integrated scanned image viewer allows for coder annotation of scanned image documents, so that specific portions within the documentation can be highlighted and properly associated to assigned codes. This traceability to each code allows for easy follow-up during internal and external case audits that comply with recovery audit contractor (RAC) initiatives and other regulatory programs.

Our CAC solution includes a comprehensive, up-front medical necessity screening process by providing CPT® comparisons and edit information at the time of coding, including Correct Coding Initiatives (CCI) and NCD/LCD medical necessity edits. This significantly reduces denials and re-billing, allowing for revenue cycle improvements and timely reimbursement.

The CAC Executive Dashboard and Reports provides managers with valuable real-time information that monitors coder productivity and evaluates outstanding case dollar values and number of cases by coding status.

**Strengthen your revenue cycle
with computer-assisted coding.**

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