Sonia Patel

Coding Auditor

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SKILLS

- Coding Audits
- CPT
- ICD-10-CM
- ICD-10-PCS
- MS-DRG
- Coding Guidelines
- Medical Terminology
- Microsoft Excel
- Analytical Skills
- Interpersonal Skills

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science 05/2016

Western Governors University

Salt Lake City, UT

Health Information Management

CERTIFICATES

Certified Coding Specialist (CCS)

02/2017

AHIMA

Certified Professional Medical Auditor (CPMA)

09/2021

AAPC

SUMMARY

CCS and CPMA coding auditor with 10 years in hospital coding, including 5 years of coding audits for a 4-hospital system. Reviews 1,200 claims a year for CPT, ICD-10-CM and MS-DRG accuracy, explains findings in plain terms, and brings analytical skills to error trends by coder and service line.

EXPERIENCE

Coding Auditor

04/2021 - Present

Sonoran Health Partners — Phoenix, AZ

Coding compliance team for 4 hospitals and a 300-provider medical group.

- Review **1,200** inpatient and professional claims a year against coding guidelines, CMS rules and payer policies.
- Validate MS-DRG and ICD-10-PCS assignment on high-risk DRGs, recovering $1.3M on underpaid cases in 2025.
- Write audit findings for 45 coders and providers, then coach each one in a follow-up review within 30 days.
- Build Microsoft Excel audit dashboards showing error rates by coder, service line and CPT code family.

Inpatient Coder

06/2016 - 03/2021

Valley of the Sun Medical Center — Mesa, AZ

Inpatient and outpatient surgery coder at a 400-bed hospital.

- Coded 25 inpatient charts a day in ICD-10-CM and ICD-10-PCS at 96% accuracy over 5 years.
- Assigned CPT codes to outpatient surgeries, applying medical terminology to complex operative notes.
- Led peer reviews of 20 charts a month for new coders as the department's second-level reviewer.
- Partnered with CDI on 60 retrospective queries a quarter to settle conflicting documentation, using clear interpersonal skills.