Novitas Solutions, the Medicare Administrative Contractor for Jurisdiction L and Jurisdiction H invites you to join our signature educational event: **2015 Medicare Symposiums**

This event is for Part A and B Medicare providers and their billing and compliance representatives. Attendees will benefit from a wide variety of education based on data driven content and the latest Medicare changes that you need to know to bill Medicare the right way, the first time.

Register today at: [http://www.novitas-solutionslearning.com](http://www.novitas-solutionslearning.com)

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Event Description

Join Novitas Solutions for their annual Medicare educational event, Novitas Solutions 2015 Medicare Symposium. Learn what is changing and trending now in Medicare.

This year’s conference offers 12 classes during multiple sessions dedicated to provide you with the knowledge necessary to be a successful Medicare provider. Participants will learn how to bill Medicare correctly, gain knowledge on documentation and coding, and explore the latest Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) initiatives. Each session is dedicated to help providers avoid the pitfalls and remain compliant with the Medicare program. You can spend the day with us, or attend as many of our events that you would like.

Participants will have the opportunity to engage with the Medicare Provider Outreach and Education team and network with their colleagues.

Learn what Novitas Solutions 2015 Medicare Symposium has to offer by reviewing our course listings and agenda in this brochure or visit our Education and Training page on the Novitas Solutions website.

We look forward to seeing you at the FREE Jurisdiction L Novitas Solutions 2015 Medicare Symposium.

Intended Audience

The conference is open to all Part A and Part B providers in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Washington DC. Each course description recommends the targeted audience.

Cost To Attend

The conference is FREE for all providers to attend. Depending on location there may be a fee for parking, which is the responsibility of the participant.

How To Register

Register online today! Visit http://www.novitas-solutionslearning.com and select the Novitas Solutions 2015 Medicare Symposiums tab to register for a symposium event.

Continuing Education Credit

This event has been approved for Continuing Education Units (CEUs).

Disclaimer

Attendance at the 2015 Novitas Solutions Medicare Symposium does not indicate nor guarantee competence or proficiency in the performance of any procedures, which may be discussed or taught in these courses.
Novitas Solutions Goes Green!

As an event attendee it is your responsibility to print and bring required materials with you. There are optional materials for you to review and print if you wish. To obtain the required and/or optional materials click on the handout link a few days prior to the event.

Accessibility of Meetings, Conferences and Seminars to Persons With Disabilities (ADA)

Novitas Solutions makes every attempt to meet ADA requirements for all meeting rooms and/or provisions of services for attendees with sensory impairments. Should you need special assistance please feel free to contact us at education@novitas-solutions.com five days prior to the date listed for the event scheduled.

Helpful Symposium Event Day Reminders

- Food and beverage will not be provided by Novitas Solutions at the symposium events. If food or beverage is available at the venue it will be pay on your own.
- Water stations will be available throughout the event rooms.
- Most event rooms will not have tables for attendees, so please bring something to write on.
- A limited amount of Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services handout materials will be available at the event. Please bring a bag to carry these items, bags are not provided.

Event Locations

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2015 Medicare Symposium Agenda

The below agenda outlines when events will be occurring throughout the day. Please note that for each timeframe there are three different sessions. You will have the opportunity to sign up for one session per timeframe. Customize your day to best fit your busy schedule and attend the events that are most important to you!

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**Session 1**

8:45am - 10:15am
- Class 1: Score Sheet Basics for Evaluation and Management (E/M Services (Part B)
- Class 2: How to Make Observation and the Two Midnight Rule Work for You: Part 1 Observation (Part A)
- Class 3: Preparing for International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) (Part A/B)

10:15am - 10:30am Break

**Session 2**

10:30am - 12:00pm
- Class 1: Evaluation and Management Services: Physician Coding in the Hospital Setting (Part B)
- Class 2: How to Make Observation and the Two Midnight Rule Work for You: Part 2 Two Midnight Rule (Part A)
- Class 3: Understanding the Enrollment Process (Part A/B)

12:00am - 1:15pm Lunch

**Session 3**

1:15am - 2:45pm
- Class 1: Successful Keys to Exploring Office and Outpatient Evaluation and Management Principles (Part B)
- Class 2: Part A Medicare Secondary Payer – From Start to Finish (Part A)
- Class 3: Explore Novitasphere, Our Free Web-Based Portal for the Medicare Part B Provider Community (Part B)

2:45am - 3:00pm Break

**Session 4**

3:00am - 4:30pm
- Class 1: Part B Medicare Secondary Payer Start to Finish (Part B)
- Class 2: The ABCs of Skilled Nursing Facility Basics: Acronyms, Billing and Common Errors (Part A)
- Class 3: Proper Use of Modifiers (A/B)
Score Sheet Basics for Evaluation and Management (E/M) Services (Part B)

In this session you will learn the key components of an Evaluation and Management (E/M) service (history, exam, medical decision making) and how they relate to the score sheet. Excerpts of medical records will be used as examples of crediting the key components using the score sheet. We will provide answers to the most frequently asked questions, and provide tips and resources to assist you when coding E/M services.

Target Audience: This class is designed for Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioners, and healthcare billing and coding professionals who have a basic knowledge of E/M services.

Evaluation and Management Services: Physician Coding in the Hospital Setting (Part B)

This session will provide an overview of Evaluation and Management (E/M) services performed by practitioners in the hospital setting. The focus will be on observation, initial, subsequent and discharge services. In addition to the services, we will discuss when time is a factor in determining the level of service, who, how, when and where services can be split/shared, and the use of prolonged service codes. This course will wrap up with an interactive case study featuring codes used in the training.

Target Audience: This class is designed for Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioners, healthcare billing and coding professionals, and any provider who bills Part B inpatient E/M services.

Successful Keys to Exploring Office and Outpatient Evaluation and Management Principles (Part B)

Office and Outpatient principles will describe the components of the History, Exam, Medical Decision Making or Time. We will provide guidance to you on applying these principles through scenarios. Consider this approach a way of effectively streamlining the coding process.

Target Audience: This class is designed for Physicians, Non-Physician Practitioners, healthcare billing and coding professionals, and any provider who bills Part B office/outpatient E/M services.

Part B Medicare Secondary Payer Start to Finish (Part B)

Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) session will focus on educating the provider community on the basics, billing and review of MSP errors. Our information will enhance your knowledge and will help to ensure proper billing and coding of MSP claims. Please join us as we approach the MSP process from start to finish.

Target Audience: This class is recommended for healthcare professionals, billers and office staff who bill MSP claims to Medicare Part B.

How to Make Observation and the Two Midnight Rule Work for You: Part 1 Observation (Part A)

This session will provide an overview on observation, inpatient admission and utilization of Condition Code 44. We will discuss observation guidelines and billing requirements, inpatient guidelines, and appropriate documentation. Also, the session will provide clarification on when to use and bill Condition Code 44.

Target Audience: This is a Part A Medicare session with a target audience for hospitals, compliance managers, case managers, and billers and coders.

How to Make Observation and the Two Midnight Rule Work for You: Part 2 Two Midnight Rule (Part A)

This session provides an overview of the Two Midnight Rule. We will discuss inpatient hospital admission guidelines and the impact of the Probe and Educate process. We will review the regulations on physician order and certification of hospital inpatient services. The process for A/B Rebilling will be examined.

Target Audience: This is a Part A Medicare session with a target audience for hospitals, compliance managers, case managers, and billers and coders.
Part A Medicare Secondary Payer – From Start to Finish (Part A)

Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) will focus on educating the provider community on the basics, billing and review of MSP errors. Our information will enhance your knowledge and will help to ensure proper billing and coding of MSP claims. Please join us as we approach the MSP process from start to finish.

Target Audience: This course is recommended for compliance managers, billers and office staff who bill MSP claims to Medicare Part A.

The ABCs of Skilled Nursing Facility Basics: Acronyms, Billing and Common Errors (Part A)

Provide Skilled Nursing Facilities with basic coverage requirements, while identifying the most common audit errors and how to avoid them. We will also help to breakdown the rules of who should bill when it comes to consolidated billing.

Target Audience: This course is recommended for Skilled Nursing Facility providers and their billing staff, and other provider types that work with Skilled Nursing Facilities.

Preparing for International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision (ICD-10) (Part A/B)

This course provides an introduction and overview to ICD-10 coding. ICD-10 is the diagnosis code set that will be replacing ICD-9 and will be used to report diagnoses in all clinical settings. The implementation date for ICD-10 is October 1, 2015. We want to assist providers to gain a better understanding about the history, organization and structure, as well as see how ICD-10 compares to ICD-9, and explore upcoming changes with Medicare.

Target Audience: This course is targeted to coders, billers, healthcare professionals, compliance managers, and anyone working in a function related to medical coding and billing for both Medicare Part A and Part B.

Understanding the Enrollment Process (Part A/B)

This course will give you information about provider enrollment, Novitas’ role, and information about revalidation. The participant will learn the basics of Provider Enrollment, and also review the steps for a provider to be enrolled in the Medicare program so that they can start submitting claims. We will also review the enrollment process so providers understand the approval process.

Target Audience: Part B providers, Part A Providers, and anyone who handles enrollment functions.

Explore Novitasphere, Our Free Web-Based Portal for the Medicare Part B Provider Community (Part B)

This session includes an overview of this fantastic FREE secured web-based internet application which interfaces with Novitas, HETS (HIPAA Eligibility Transaction System), and the Medicare standard system. Learn how to save time by eliminating the need to call Novitas for eligibility, claim status, and clerical error reopening.

Target Audience: This course is designed for Part B healthcare professionals, billers, and office staff who wish to make their Part B practices more efficient.

Proper Use of Modifiers (Part A/B)

This session will review Medicare’s guidelines to assist in clarifying the proper modifier usage. Participants will gain understanding and familiarize themselves with the information in the National Correct Coding Initiative. This session will provide answer to the most frequently asked questions, and provide tips and resources to assist you when utilizing modifiers.

Target Audience: This course is targeted to coders, billers, healthcare professionals, compliance managers, and anyone working in a function related to medical coding and billing for both Part A and Part B.