## Fundamentals of Ophthalmic Coding and Codequest Coding Course: Protect Your Practice from Claim Denials and Audits

**Thursday, March 30, 2017**  
*Washington State Convention Center • Seattle, WA*

Chair: Michael Gilbert, MD  

> With reimbursement rules constantly changing, audits becoming more frequent and codes increasing in number and complexity, there is critical value in the WAEPS Annual Coding and Reimbursement Seminar featuring a special expanded American Academy of Ophthalmology Codequest 2017. This is an information-packed event you and your staff can’t afford to miss. Codequest provides unparalleled, expert instruction to overcome coding challenges practices face daily and helps improve patient care. However, this program goes beyond the average AAO Codequest. This full-day program with Sue Vicchrilli includes a thorough review of the Fundamentals of Ophthalmic Coding to complement all-new, accurate and authoritative strategies from the leader of ophthalmic education.

The Washington Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons, the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Academy of Ophthalmic Executives proudly present a full-day program to help you run a successful practice. We begin with critical insights on preparing for increasing audits designed with increasing consequences. Fundamentals of Ophthalmic Coding reviews the core knowledge necessary for correct and defensible coding, documentation, and reimbursement practices. Codequest 2017 is ophthalmology-specific, state-specific and updated to focus on the latest coding information you need most in practice today. After you attend Codequest 2017, you will be well equipped to achieve proper reimbursement and avoid audit recoupments and penalties. New content this year includes examples of best practices you should be implementing in your practice.

### ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

Sue Vicchrilli, COT, OCS is the Academy’s Director of Coding and Reimbursement. She is a favorite speaker in Washington, well known as a standout authority on ophthalmic coding and reimbursement and uniquely skilled in leading seminars. She has over 30 years of experience in ophthalmology including all aspects of coding, reimbursement, practice management, and clinical and surgical assistance. Sue is the author of AAOE’s “Coding Bulletin,” Ophthalmic Coding Coach, Ophthalmic Coding Series and EyeNet Magazine’s “Savvy Coder.”

**Submit Your Questions**  Attendees may submit their coding and documentation questions to codequest@ao.org prior to March 1 to receive customized answers during the course.

### SCHEDULE:

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<td>7:30 AM</td>
<td>Early Bird Session, Preparing for 2017 Audits (optional program at no additional charge)</td>
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<td>8:30 AM</td>
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FUNDAMENTALS OF OPHTHALMIC CODING
This session is for all of us who would benefit from a review, and those new to the profession of ophthalmology or for those physicians and staff who want to make sure their fundamental coding knowledge is up-to-date. The session will focus on:
- Understanding different types of payers
- Mastering modifiers
- Comprehensive information on all testing services
- Major and minor ophthalmic procedures
- Correct claim takeaways
- CCI edits and their impact on payments

CODEQUEST 2017
This session is taught at an intermediate level, and is designed for ophthalmologists, practice administrators, coders and billers who are familiar with ophthalmic coding. The course will cover:
- CPT changes
- ICD-10 updates and denials
- Correct Coding Initiative updates
- Modifier changes
- Ordering vs. supervising ophthalmologists for testing services
- Code this Superbill: Avoid costly errors on claims for each specialty
- What’s on Fire by specialty: Do what other practices have failed to do which has resulted in financial recoupments
- MIPS 101: Understand how to implement MIPS into your daily practice
- New! Learn implementation strategies for coding success under the new Medicare payment system: https://www.aao.org/medicare

CME CREDIT FOR PHYSICIANS
The American Academy of Ophthalmology is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Association (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The American Academy of Ophthalmology designates this educational activity for a maximum of 6 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.

Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. See e-syllabus for instructions on how to claim credit.

JCAHPO CE Credits
Ophthalmic allied health professionals receive 6.0 JCAHPO “A” CE credits for completion of the entire day-long program.

Other CE Credits
Each American Academy of Ophthalmology course has been approved for Certified Ophthalmic Executive (COE) credits by the National Board for the Certification of Ophthalmic Executives (NBOE). The COE credential is the property of the American Society of Ophthalmic Administrators (ASOA) and is administered by the NBOE. AAPC credit is also available. The full day program is eligible for up to 6 CE credits.

COST:
Registration fees are based on whether the physicians associated with your practice are WAEPS members and how many employees from the same practice will be attending. Prices listed below are per person. To receive the member rate, the member physician’s 2017 dues need to have been paid by the time of registration.

Discounted member registration fees:

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For non-member practice fees, please visit our website.

Registration fee includes: course materials, continental breakfast, lunch and refreshment breaks.

HOW TO REGISTER:
Please register on our website: www.waeps.org/annual-meeting

You can pay online or request an invoice that can be paid by check or credit card.

Note that practice managers should register all the employees from their practice at the same time in order to receive the discounted registration fee, if applicable, for their group. If you need assistance, please contact Curt in the WAEPS office at 206-956-3646 or email waeps@waeps.org

CANCELLATION POLICY:
WAEPS must receive written notification of your cancellation. Submit to the WAEPS office, by email: waeps@waeps.org. A $50 processing fee will be deducted. No refunds will be issued after March 1, 2017.