



WASHINGTON  
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EYE PHYSICIANS  
& SURGEONS

*in collaboration with American Academy of Ophthalmology and American Academy of Ophthalmic Executives presents:*

## **Codequest Coding Course 2019: Coding doesn't get easier. So professionals get better.**

**Level up at American Academy of Ophthalmology Codequest™ 2019**

**Thursday, March 28, 2019**

**Meydenbauer Center • Bellevue, WA**

**C**ome to our uniquely expanded **WAEPS Annual Coding Seminar**. This is an information-packed event you and your staff can't afford to miss. This **full-day program** with Sue Vicchrilli will steer you through regulatory roadblocks and the complex maze of federal and commercial payers' rules, arriving at solutions for appropriately maximizing all your reimbursements.

### **FUNDAMENTALS OF OPHTHALMIC CODING COVERS:**

- Identification and appropriate application of modifiers, in both the office and surgical setting
- Federal and commercial payer policies and common coding and claim submission errors
- Proper use of Advance Beneficiary Notice (ABN)
- Correct Coding Initiative edits and their impact on submitting services
- Requirements and components of minor and major surgeries, testing services and telemedicine

### **ALL-NEW CODEQUEST 2019 PROGRAM INCLUDES:**

- The most important updates of CPT, ICD-10, HCPCS, CCI, MUE, LCDs and payment changes for 2019
- Imminent changes to E/M codes and extended/subsequent ophthalmoscopy
- MIPS update – impact of new “cost factor” on your score
- Up-to-date documentation rules for exams, tests, minor and major surgeries
- How to select the correct modifier for every situation. Learn how to avoid the common modifier mistakes that cause practices to lose thousands of dollars each year.
- How to resolve claim denials: identify the cause and implement solutions
- Informed recommendations for coding and billing success (e.g., prior authorization, MIGS coverage, vial drug administration, and more)

### **Codequest is the only place you'll find these best-practice tips:**

- 30+ recommendations from successful practices
- Prior authorization checklist – what is your form missing?
- How to code from an operative report
- MIGS: What's covered, what's not
- Calculations for multidose vial drug administration
- Exam and testing coverage and frequency for patients on high-risk medication
- Billing for two surgeons in the same operative session
- Top coding pitfalls to avoid and top reasons for claim denials

## EARLY SESSION: Triggering a Practice Audit

Solutions and advice for your specific submitted questions.

## LEARN FROM THE ACADEMY'S CODING EXPERT

**Sue Vicchilli, 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: Learn to Code the Essentials and EyeNet Magazine's "Savvy Coder."

**Submit Your Questions!** Attendees may submit their coding and documentation questions to: [codequest@aao.org](mailto:codequest@aao.org) prior to March 2nd to receive customized answers during the course.

## REGISTRATION FEES (per person)

- WAEPS Member physicians & employees: \$325
- Non-Member physicians & employees: \$495
- Residents/Medical Students: \$50

Price breaks available for practices bringing three or more physicians/employees! Please see our website for details. Note that to receive the WAEPS member practice rate, the member's dues for 2019 need to have been paid by the time of registration.

## HOW TO REGISTER

Please register on our website: [www.waeps.org/annual-meeting](http://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](mailto:waeps@waeps.org)

## CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations received in writing by March 4, 2019, will receive a full refund minus a \$50 cancellation fee. No refunds will be made after that date. If your practice needs to substitute a different employee for a paid registrant from your practice, those changes may be made up to the day of the program. Contact our office for assistance. Call 206-956-3646 or email: [waeps@waeps.org](mailto:waeps@waeps.org)

## CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

### ► Fundamentals of Ophthalmic Coding

### ► Codequest 2019

### ► Accreditation Statement

The American Academy of Ophthalmology is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

### ► Designation Statement

The American Academy of Ophthalmology designates this LIVE activity for a maximum of 3 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

### ► IJCAHPO CE Credits

Ophthalmic allied health professionals receive 3.0 IJCAHPO "A" CE Credits for completion of each course.

**You can receive a maximum of 6 credits**

## SCHEDULE:

7:00 AM	Registration and Continental Breakfast
7:30–8:15 AM	Bonus early bird session: Triggering an Audit ( <i>no credit available</i> )
8:30–10:00 AM	Fundamentals of Ophthalmic Coding ( <i>continued</i> )
10:00–10:15 AM	Break
10:15–11:45 AM	Fundamentals of Ophthalmic Coding
11:45 AM–12:45 PM	Lunch Break
12:45–2:15 PM	<b>Codequest 2019</b> ( <i>continued</i> )
2:15–2:30 PM	Break
2:30–4:00 PM	<b>Codequest 2019</b>
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