

**Central Pennsylvania Chapter Meeting**

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**Friday, July 23, 2021**

**09:45-13:00**

**Hosted by:** Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center

**Register here:** [https://pshealth.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_J8Dtiw91S6OIZyUwOsN36g](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fpshealth.zoom.us%2Fwebinar%2Fregister%2FWN_J8Dtiw91S6OIZyUwOsN36g&data=04%7C01%7C%7C4ca39591310c4efe401b08d92b7d8794%7C934a58f5571b436799538a7b9739b1d8%7C0%7C0%7C637588640428359835%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=iz31RAuSB6ffZRs5FOImg7GsavTX%2FE1NdqushU2wEK8%3D&reserved=0)

**RSVP by:** Friday, July 16, 2021

09:30 **Sign in & Chat Room Networking**

09:45: **Welcoming remarks from Penn State Health Hershey**

10:00 **Leveraging Clinical Documentation Improvement in the DRG validation war**

Angela Geiger BSN, RN, CCS, CPC, COC

Objectives:

* Provide an offensive approach to decreasing payer denials by
  + Defining the new denial reason- Clinical significance
  + Examining submitted denials to illuminate clinical documentation weaknesses
  + Emphasize the value in a compliant query
* Examine the anatomy of an effective appeal
* Offer tips for action when an appeal fails

11:00 **It Can’t be Denied: A Guide to Denial Prevention**

Karen Newhouser RN, BSN, CCDS, CCDS-O, CCS, CDIP, CCM

Objectives:

* Explain how a change in focus is integral to denial prevention.
* Discuss the anatomy of a denial.
* Describe how data can drive denial prevention success.
* Identify how the provider, ancillary departments, clinical documentation integrity and coding can work congruently for denial prevention

12:00 **Chapter meeting & Chat Room networking**

12:10 **Auditing Your CDI Department**

Angela Maxfield RN, CCDS

* Identify the Mission and Vision of your documentation program/goals
* Identify strengths of individual CDI in your program
* Evaluate education resources for the team
* Ensure provider education is succinct and purposeful
* Able to identify and celebrate successes within the department

13:00 **Meeting adjourned**

**About our Presenters:**

**Angela Geiger BSN, RN, CCS, CPC, COC**

Angela Geiger is the Clinical Appeals Nurse for Penn State Health at Hershey Medical Center. She holds a degree in nursing along with three medical coding certifications. In addition to nursing, her career experience includes utilization management, claims analytics, and special investigations of fraud, waste, and abuse for a large commercial carrier. At Hershey Medical Center, she entered into Clinical Documentation Improvement to marry her medical coding knowledge with a return to her clinical roots in a health care setting. A culmination of all these experiences has made her uniquely qualified to respond to denials for multiple issues of medical utilization, clinical documentation and DRG validation.

**Angela Maxfield RN, CCDS**

Angela Maxfield is a registered nurse of 29 years with nursing career in the Emergency Department. Angela was appointed to a Governors Commission on Prenatal Care in Arkansas, as well as a graduate of the Faulkner County Leadership Institute.

Angela has been a Clinical Documentation Specialist since 2007, CCDS certified since 2009. She joined Maxim HIM as a CDI travel consultant in July of 2013. She has operated as a staff member, Lead CDI, and Interim CDI Director of 2 academic medical center programs during her time of consulting.

The ACDIS CDI Educator group was the brain child of Angela and 2 other industry leading CDI educators.

To Angela, auditing and education is a passion.

**Karen Newhouser RN, BSN, CCDS, CCDS-O, CCS, CDIP, CCM**

Karen Newhouser, RN, BSN, CCDS, CCDS-O, CCS, CDIP, CCM, is a Content Manager at AMN Healthcare, where she has found her niche in education through writing, speaking, and personal engagement. Within multiple roles spanning a 40+ year career in critical care nursing, case management, and CDI, Newhouser has been resolute in her mission to set people up for success.

Newhouser was distinguished as the 2015 CDI Professional of the Year by ACDIS, was a member of the ACDIS Advisory Board 2015-2018 and is a member of the CCDS-O certification committee.

Karen has extensive experience with quality initiatives, clinical validation, compliant query best practice, provider engagement initiatives, auditing, data analysis, and leadership and has gained accolades in both the inpatient and outpatient CDI environments. She has developed numerous education modules, as well as several academies. Karen has co-taught multiple workshops, has presented at both the ACDIS National Conference, ACDIS Outpatient CDI Symposiums, virtual ACDIS events since the pandemic, and at numerous state and local chapter events for both ACDIS and AHIMA.

Karen is honored to have authored the books, *The CDI Specialist’s Guide to Evaluation and Management* published by HCPro in 2018, and *The Provider Query Toolkit: A Guide to Compliant Practices* published by HCPro in 2020, and have co-authored the ACDIS/HCPro annual *Outpatient CDI Pocket Guide* since its inception in 2020, and the *CCDS-O Exam Study Guide* published by ACDIS/HCPro in 2019.

**Additional ACDIS Information:**

Not an **ACDIS Member**? Check out all the benefits from the resource library to forum discussions [here](https://acdis.org/membership/membership-benefits)

July/August 2021 **CDI Journal** is available to (will add when available on website)

**ACDIS Quarterly Conference Call August 19**-register for the remaining 2021 quarterly conference calls [here](https://acdis.org/resources/quarterly-conference-call-may-20-2021)

**CDI Week September 13-17, 2021**

CDI Kitchen: Recipes for a successful program-think chef hats, cooking imagery, and recipe exchanges. Every CDI program has a unique recipe for creating success! Be on the look out from ACDIS for a free sponsored webinar, daily Q&As from the Furthering Education Committee, and a deep dive into the state of CDI with the CDI Industry Survey.

**ACDIS ’21 Stepping Forward October 25-28, 2021**

Annual Conference

Sheraton Hotel in Dallas, Tx

Register [here](https://hcmarketplace.com/acdis-conference?webSyncID=1c858100-5b36-6bd3-d8ce-1788320a375d&sessionGUID=52cbbcd7-b834-6a25-0189-5e950d3a84db)

**Central PA ACDIS Chapter: Fourth Quarter Meeting Friday, November 12, 2021**

Hoping for in-person meeting. Details are in the works. If interested in hosting, please let Courtney or Deanne know.

**ACDIS Quarterly Conference Call November 19, 2021**

Interested in becoming **CCDS certified**? Check out information through ACDIS [here](https://acdis.org/certification/ccds/about)

Interested in becoming **CCDS-O certified**? Check out information through ACDIS [here](https://acdis.org/certification/ccds-o)

Learn more about the **ACDIS Apprenticeship** [here](https://acdis.org/acdis-cdi-apprenticeship)

**Obtaining today’s CCDS CEUs:**

* At the conclusion of this meeting, Courtney Spangler will email you a survey
  + You have until *Friday, July 30, 2021* to complete the survey
* Once the survey is completed, you will be emailed the CCDS CEU certificate
  + If you do not receive your certificate by *Friday, August 6, 2021*, please reach out to a Courtney for assistance

*The Central PA Chapter welcomes CDI professionals of any neighboring geographic region. ACDIS Association Editorial Director Melissa Varnavas is working with past Philadelphia/South Jersey leaders to identify new volunteers in that area. To volunteer, contact her at* [*mvarnavas@acdis.org*](mailto:mvarnavas@acdis.org)