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**OBJECTIVE:**

Obtain a rewarding career in the field of Health Information Management to showcase my strengths in Inpatient Coding, Inpatient Coding Auditor, and Healthcare Management.

**JOB EXPERIENCE:**

Albany Medical Center, Albany NY  
October 11, 2021 to Present

**Inpatient Coder**

- a.) Review the EHR of discharged patient's to properly code the account before the billing process;
- b.) Work closely with Clinical Documentation Improvement Specialist to ensure that patient records are accurate, complete and all need/required documentation is properly signed and dated;
- c.) Respond to insurance companies request for clinical documentation when they disagree with a DRG or certain codes they feel are not acceptable;
- d.) Attend webinars and conferences to enhance the knowledge base for changing codes, changes to procedures;

Mohawk Valley Health Systems (St. Luke's Campus):  
May 25, 2016 to October 11, 2021

**Clinical Documentation Specialist**

- a.) Review medical record and clarify with attending physician diagnosis that met coding criteria, however, were not explained in greater detail or were not recounted within the record.
- b.) Work with hospital coders for needed clarification on certain medications utilized and what diagnosis codes and/or procedure codes would need to be applied.
- c.) Meet with nurse practitioners, providers, and any other staff that needed guidance with coding rules and regulations

**APR/DRG Specialist (Inpatient Coder)**

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- c.) Respond to insurance companies request for clinical documentation when they disagree with a DRG or certain codes they feel are not acceptable;
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- e.) Committee chairperson for the agency-wide Wound Care Committee

**Data Analyst (Operations – Medical Records)**

- a.) Properly assemble patient charts to prepare for scanning into the EHR record;
- b.) Scan assembled patient charts into the EHR;
- c.) Analyze the scanned chart to ensure that the documents were in correct order, properly aligned, and readable;
- d.) Pick up the paper record from the floors to bring to medical records for prep;
- e.) Work with ROI (release of information) to assemble charts for subpoena's; attorney requests; or patients.

#### Data Analyst (Cardiac Catherization Unit)

- a.) Reviewed patient's charts where the patient had a heart procedure (i.e. catherization, loop recorder, CABG);
- b.) Ensure that the documentation within the patient chart was properly signed and dated;
- c.) Upon reviewing information, information would be transferred to a paper questionnaire and this information, upon completion, would be entered into the registries that mandated the information.

Harding Nursing Home

November 5, 2015 – May 9, 2016

#### Office Manager

- a) Oversaw the day to day operations of front office
- b) Oversaw, hired and trained part-time receptionists.
- c) Oversaw and developed a functional daily work calendar to ensure the office had adequate coverage during normal operating hours.

**EDUCATION:** 1.) SUNY Alfred State College – B.Tech degree in Health Information Management  
Expected Graduation Date: May 2027  
2.) SUNY Alfred State College – A.A.S. degree in Health Information Management  
Graduated May 2020

#### **CERTIFICATIONS:**

- Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) – Certified 9/13/2019
- Continuing Education Certificate – Auditing: Inpatient Coding (AHIMA 8/22/2023)

#### **MEMBERSHIPS/AWARDS**

Member of AHIMA since February 28, 2016

Member of NYHIMA since February 2016

Member of AAPC since June 2017