Edelberg & Associates and ScribeAmerica Partner to Launch Healthcare Industry’s First Ever Real-time Medical Coding Solution

CLEAR Summit is the healthcare industry’s first integrated software solution that uses real-time interaction to link scribes, medical coders & clinical personnel to dramatically reduce processing times, increase efficiency and deliver improved outcomes

Atlanta, GA; March 30, 2015 – Edelberg & Associates (EA) and ScribeAmerica today are announcing the first of its kind, real-time medical coding software platform designed to engage and successfully link the patient, physician, scribe and medical coder at the point of care. In a significant and lengthy collaboration initiative with ScribeAmerica, EA has successfully built, deployed and tested a new proprietary LiveCode method for real-time interaction between scribe and medical coder that can radically improve natural latencies that develop in the back-office support functions of health care providers.

CLEAR Summit, as this module is known, utilizes real-time interactions and advanced signaling that links medical coders and scribes. With this interaction between coder and scribe, health systems can now reduce critical financial Key Performance Indicators related to the processing and reimbursement of encounters while allowing their physician teams to focus on patient care.

The current medical coding systems and methods of most organizations do not fully leverage the advancements that have occurred from implementation of electronic medical record systems. This inefficiency results in delays and frustrations for all stakeholders. This inefficiency also costs hospital systems significantly in time, money and reduced morale. With CLEAR Summit health systems can deliver dramatic benefits in these areas:

- Improved reimbursement through avoidance of documentation deficiencies
- Improvement in bill-drop times
- Improved accuracy of billing
- Reduction of physician time spent on deficient paperwork required for proper medical coding / reimbursement

“Previously, the time gap that existed between providing clinical care to the final bill being submitted was between six to ten days or often longer depending on the availability of providers to complete records,” said Caral Edelberg, CEO of Edelberg & Associates. “This inefficiency costs healthcare systems millions of dollars annually. CLEAR Summit improves healthcare systems’ operations from information flow to accuracy of billing while also providing metrics to evaluate success.”
In strategic partnership between ScribeAmerica and Edelberg & Associates, CLEAR Summit is part of Edelberg's CLEAR Coding Platform. CLEAR Summit facilitates instant live feedback and workflow between the scribe and coder as the medical record develops in real-time to address issues immediately.

“ScribeAmerica’s mission is to fundamentally improve the delivery of care to patients. Now in this partnership, LiveCode brings a completely new value proposition and will revolutionize how coding is viewed by the industry,” said Dr. Michael Murphy, CEO of ScribeAmerica. “The impact that real-time coding has on a company's revenue cycle and chart suspensions is tremendous. This will allow for more timely and accurate billings and free up a physician's time to spend with patients.”

“CLEAR Summit now fills an important gap that exists when it comes to innovating medical record completion, code assignment and back-office functions, including medical coding and billing,” said Douglas Ingram, President of Edelberg & Associates. “Until now, there has been a strong focus on innovating electronic health records and clinical care in the healthcare industry. Our focus is to drive innovation in real-time documentation and coding capture to drastically improve back office flow and efficiency.

About Edelberg & Associates
Edelberg & Associates is the nation’s leader in medical coding, compliance and coding informatics. Through our suite of advanced software solutions and expert personnel, EA helps clients proactively identify and mitigate risks that exist in their medical documentation, coding and healthcare revenue cycle operations. We reduce risk and increase value for the customers we serve by identifying issues with information content and flow, process improvement and overlooked opportunities in customer revenue cycle operations. Visit Edelbergcodes.com for more information.

About ScribeAmerica
ScribeAmerica employs thousands of medical scribes across 44 states and is the nation’s most widely recognized professional medical scribe education, training, and management company. ScribeAmerica is the preferred vendor for over 670 practice locations and has documented on over 22 million patient visits in 2014 alone. Visit ScribeAmerica.com for more information.

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