

# Nova Hernandez

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## SUMMARY

Detail-oriented certified Senior Inpatient DRG Medical Coder offering over 5 years of experience in acute care coding environments. Expertise includes assignment of ICD-10 CM, ICD-10-PCS, and DRG codes with a commitment to adhering to established guidelines and ethical standards set by AAPC and AHIMA. Proficiency in using various EMR systems and Microsoft Excel enables effective daily operations. Driven by continuous learning and professional growth while maintaining up-to-date coding knowledge in the healthcare sector is imperative. Aspiring to leverage these skills at HealthTech Solutions to contribute efficiently to coding initiatives.

## EXPERIENCE

### Senior Inpatient DRG Medical Coder

January 2023 - Present

HealthFirst Medical Center

Minneapolis, MN

As a Senior Inpatient DRG Medical Coder, managing inpatient records through precise coding efforts aligns patient data to comply with regulatory standards. Collaborated closely with physicians to clarify documentation, improved accuracy significantly while conducting comprehensive chart reviews for effective coding. Engaged in department meetings fostering updates on coding practices to maintain high productivity.

- Efficiently assign ICD-10 CM, ICD-10-PCS, and DRG codes for inpatient services.
- Conduct comprehensive chart reviews for accurate data abstraction.
- Collaborate with physicians clarifying documentation enhancing coding precision.
- Participate in coding meetings sharing updates which lead to better practices.
- Maintain superior levels of coding quality consistently meeting benchmarks.
- Stay current on coding regulations ensuring compliance and accuracy.

### Inpatient Coder

June 2019 - December 2022

CareWell Health Services

Minneapolis, MN

Through consolidating incorrect coding methods, navigated to promote compliant methodologies within inpatient settings. Planned peer reviewing processes led to identifying improvements in code accuracy alongside upward mobility throughout the coder team.

- Processed inpatient records utilizing ICD-10 CM and ICD-10-PCS systems.
- Supported internal audit readiness through proper documentation.
- Utilized coding software effectively boosting organizational efficiency.
- Assisted with new coder training contributing to team success.
- Engaged with QA initiatives reviewing peers promoting continuous improvement.
- Developed an innovative coding reference guide for speedy use.

### Junior Coder

August 2017 - May 2019

Medicare Health Network

St. Paul, MN

In response to real-time challenges, assisted during inception role gaining foundational knowledge on ICD-10 coding amidst senior mentorship. Essence of teamwork was imagined through consistent collaboration toward achieving health information solutions.

- Aided in coding inpatient records collaborating under supervision.
- Participated actively in team coding meetings discussing best practices.
- Conducted regular audits affirming coding compliance with standards.
- Engaged in education sessions embracing updates on coding regulations.
- Supported initiatives driving documentation improvements aligning staff efficiently.
- Maintained organized records ensuring adherence to confidentiality requirements.

## LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) - AHIMA, 2023
- Excellence Award for Quality Assurance – HealthFirst Medical Center, 2024

## EDUCATION

Associate of Applied Science in Health Information Technology

2017

St. Paul Community College GPA: 3.85

St. Paul, MN

**Coursework:** Patient Data Management, Coding Guidelines, Health Information Management, Healthcare Administration

CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) 📅 2023
- Compliance Officer Certification 📅 2025

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Coding Standards:** ICD-10-CM, ICD-10-PCS, DRG Validation, AAPC Guidelines, AHIMA Standards
- **Software Platforms:** Epic, Cerner, Meditech, Optum360
- **Quality Control Tools:** Auditing Software, Encoder Tool, Reporting Tools
- **Documentations Software:** Microsoft Word, Excel
- **Workflow Management:** SharePoint, Workflow Automation
- **Meeting Platforms:** Zoom, Microsoft Teams
- **Educational Resources:** AAPC Learning Center, AHIMA Education Hub
- **Research Methodologies:** Technical Writing, Statistical Analysis, Case Study Research
- **Communication Skills:** Public Speaking, Stakeholder Engagement, Collaborative Discussions
- **Workplace Policies:** HIPAA Compliance, Patient Confidentiality

SKILLS

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|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| • ICD-10 Coding   | • Healthcare Compliance | • Physician Collaboration   | • Regulatory Adherence |
| • DRG Assignment  | • Chart Review          | • Data Abstracting          | • Team Training        |
| • EMR Systems     | • Coding Audits         | • Documentation Improvement | • Performance Metrics  |
| • Microsoft Excel | • Quality Assurance     | • Productivity Management   | • Patient Privacy      |

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member of AAPC since 2020 engaging in local chapter events.
- Active participant in Minnesota Health Information Management Association.

LANGUAGES

- English (Native)
- Spanish (Proficient)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Work Status** : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST