Course Description: This 1 day course is designed for those who want to learn the most up-to-date information on physical therapy payment policy and compliance for outpatient physical therapy practice settings. Attendees will learn principles of coding, compliance, and documentation for rehabilitation services, as well as receive updates and explanation of changes from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the latest with CMS functional G-code reporting requirements, government quality incentive programs requiring PQRS reporting, current audit and review activity, and what is on the horizon regarding a new patient classification and payment system for outpatient physical therapy services currently targeted for 2016 implementation. Information on the requirement to demonstrate “value” in physical therapy, documentation requirements, and fraud and abuse initiatives will be included. Physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and administrators who are responsible for billing and coding need to attend this course to learn the best ways to respond to current and changing payment policy in the out-patient setting.

Presenter: Helene Fearon, PT, FAPTA
Helene Fearon is a partner in Fearon Levine Consulting, (FLC). She is a graduate of Marquette University’s Physical Therapy program, and is also an owner of Fearon Physical Therapy. She is president of and shareholder in a physical therapist owned provider network with over 150 private practices involved as members.

Ms. Fearon has been involved over the past 20 years with the American Medical Association’s Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) process in the development, and implementation of CPT codes. She was appointed as APTA’s representative to the American Medical Association’s CPT HealthCare Professionals Advisory Committee (HCPAC) in 1992 and completed 8 years of service on the AMA’s CPT Editorial Panel as well as 3 years on the Professionals Advisory Committee (HCPAC), and a reviewer and contributor to APTA/Optum Health publication “Coding and Payment Guide for Physical Therapists”. She was honored as a Fellow of the American Physical Therapy Association in June 2012.

Learning Objectives:
- Description of the current issues in the Federal Legislative and Regulatory arena and their impact on delivery, practice rehabilitation and how to best address through documentation both clinically and administratively
- Learn the definition of Medical Necessity used by most third party payers and how to best apply to the reporting of services in your practice environment
- Learn the most updated Medicare Documentation Requirements as well as other Medicare compliance issues and any implications to other third party policy
- Identify areas of risk in coding (time, units) from a compliance perspective and learn documentation tips important in support of the use of codes to describe clinical practice in the private practice setting
- Be able to appropriately document and report ICD-9 codes for OP rehabilitation services and begin to learn some basics regarding the transition to ICD-10
- Review the elements of documentation that focus on describing function, from evaluation through discharge
- Understand the potential changes to the payment and reporting methodology for rehab services in the future and how to best prepare for this transition from a thought and process perspective documentation, and coding requirements for rehabilitation in 2014 and beyond
- Understand the most significant risk areas for audits, private practice rehabilitation and how to best address through documentation both clinically and administratively

Schedule: 8:00-4:30
- 7:30-8:00 Registration
- Welcome and overview
- 2014 Medicare Payment Policies and Regulations in the health care reform environment
- Coding 2014: effective reporting of diagnosis with ICD-9/ICD-10 with updates on successful transition to ICD-10, effectively reporting CPT codes (97000) and HCPCS II (G Codes) to reflect practice and support payment, related payer regulations and policy
- Lunch
- Documentation of medical necessity and skilled care, functional documentation, and developing appropriate functional goals
- Fraud and Abuse: Overview of current activity focusing on rehab audits, compliance assessments and Minimizing Risk
- Questions and Answers
- Morning and afternoon breaks

CEU’s: The course has been approved for 7.0 contact hours Class I through the Tennessee Physical Therapy Association. It has also been approved for 7.0 contact hours in AL, KY, NC and pending in GA.
Registration: The registration fee covers the course content, downloadable course materials, and lunch.

Name: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________
City: __________________ State: __ Zip: _____
*Email: ____________________________________________
*Required to receive downloadable course material

Circle: PT / PTA / Administrator

Before July 23, 2014:
□ APTA member $200
   Member number__________________
□ Non-APTA member $275
□ Student $100

After July 23, 2014 and on-site:
□ APTA member $300
   Member number__________________
□ Non-APTA member $375
□ Student $150

Box lunch (please check one):
*Lunch includes chips, cookie, and drink.
□ Ham and cheese sandwich
□ Turkey club roll-up
□ Veggie wrap

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