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Valerie Mellon is a Senior Manager in the Pittsburgh office of Compliance Concepts, Inc. Valerie has over 20 years of experience in indemnity insurance, HMO, PPO, POS, and Medicare supplement plans, preadmission review and medical/psychiatric case management. As Coordination of Benefits (COB) Manager for HealthAmerica (a Coventry Corporation), she was instrumental in introducing a COB program for all managed care business lines, including policies and procedures for the Medicare Secondary Payer Program for members with end-stage renal disease (ESRD). Before joining CCI, she worked as a Senior Financial Analyst for the Allegheny Health Network (AHN), and was responsible for developing pricing strategies for specialized hospital services. Valerie served on several utilization management committees at Allegheny General Hospital.

Valerie's consulting experience focuses on medical record reviews to ensure that the documentation supports billing and reporting data to government payors in the following areas:

- Coding and documentation compliance
- Durable Medical Equipment suppliers
- Ambulance Services
- Physician and Dentistry Services
- Skilled Nursing Facilities MDS and RUG levels

Valerie has assisted clients in the development and implementation of corporate compliance plans, workflow assessment, and education programs related to documentation and compliance.

EDUCATION

M.Ed., Health Education, Pennsylvania State University
B.A., Business Administration-Industrial Relations, Seton Hill University
Certified Professional Coder (CPC)
Certified Professional Coder-Hospital (COC)
Certified Ambulance Coder (CAC)
Resident Assessment Coordinator-Certified (RAC-CT)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC)
Cambridge Who's Who Among Women Healthcare Professionals
American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordination (AANAC)
National Association of Ambulance Coders (NAAC)