



Title: Medical Billing Specialist

FLSA Status: (Non-Exempt)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of this position is to perform oversight of ambulance billing and collection processes for the Peoria Fire-Medical Department. Under the supervision of the Deputy Chief of Emergency Medical Services, the Billing Specialist monitors and completes ambulance billing coding, serves as a liaison between the Fire-Medical Department, the Finance Department and the 3rd Party Billing Company, assures correct data transfer and is responsible for obtaining and maintaining all documentation required for medical insurance billing approval from Medicare, Medicaid and other insurers. The position also performs quality assurance regarding complete documentation for billing purposes and answers inquiries from insurance companies and patients, and explains all actions pertaining to the billing/accounting/collections processes. Completes other duties as assigned.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:

Note: This information is intended to be descriptive of the key responsibilities of the position. The list of essential functions below does not identify all duties performed by any single incumbent in this position. Additionally, please be aware of the legend below when referring to the physical demands of each essential function.

(S) Sedentary	(L) Light	(M) Medium	(H) Heavy	(V) Very Heavy
Exerting up to 10 lbs. occasionally or negligible weights frequently; sitting most of the time.	Exerting up to 20 lbs. occasionally; 10 lbs. frequently; or negligible amounts constantly; OR requires walking or standing to a significant degree.	Exerting 20-50 lbs. occasionally; 10-25 lbs. frequently; or up to 10 lbs. constantly.	Exerting 50-100 lbs. occasionally; 10-25 lbs. frequently; or up to 10-20 lbs. constantly.	Exerting over 100 lbs. occasionally; 50-100 lbs. frequently; or up to 20-50 lbs. constantly.

#	Code	Essential Functions
1	S	Serves as the point of contact for customers utilizing ambulance/transport services. Responds to and resolves customer concerns/complaints or directs complex issues to the supervisor.
2	S	Interprets, applies, explains and enforces applicable City laws, codes, regulations, policies and procedures. Researches and is responsible for staying compliant with Medicare law to protect the city from fines, penalties, and return of revenue received. Maintains HIPAA confidentiality.
3	S	Responsible for tracking millions of dollars in ambulance billing and revenues. Researches discrepancies. Serves as liaison between the Peoria Fire-Medical Department, Finance Department, and/or 3 rd party billing company regarding ambulance billing, accounts receivable, and collections. Reviews and audits payment status routinely. Monitors the accuracy of payments received by the finance department.



4	S	Advises on and assists with division and/or program budgets. Assist in preparing and providing analysis. Makes projections and assists with support for the coordination of the budget.
		Makes determinations on charity write-offs, low balance write offs, bad debt and collections and works with the Finance department to handle these.
5	S	Verifies completion of billing information received from field personnel. Assures billing information is accurate and submits to 3 rd party billing company in a timely manner. Responsible for accurate and timely preparation of ambulance billing invoices.
6	S	Produces reports, letters, and other correspondence, as requested. Creates complex spreadsheets, queries, and databases to help with research, reporting and analysis. Assists management in conducting research studies, performing comprehensive analysis and making recommendations on the program and policy issues.
7	S	Maintains appropriate files, documents, reports, and confidentiality of information as assigned.



JOB REQUIREMENTS:

-Description of Minimum Job Requirements	
Experience	1-2 years experience. Moderate previous experience required in the same or similar previous positions. The job requires a good working knowledge of common and uncommon techniques, methods, practices, procedures, use of forms, routines, etc., of a moderate to complex nature.
Education	Two year college program or equivalent combinations resulting in accumulation of similar knowledge or skills.
Technical Skill	Work requires predominately routine and some non-routine technical skills. Requiring practical knowledge of a technical field with use of judgment and decision-making abilities appropriate to the work environment to the organization.
Physical Demands	Work requires light or low amount of physical exertion. The job requirements for manual dexterity or physical manipulation are limited. The need for physical stamina and endurance is of minimal or low significance. The degree of physical strain produced on the job is somewhat taxing, but does not usually produce fatigue and require periods of rest. Freedom of movement exists, and the job does not confine the employee to a prescribed body posture. Body movement usually involves sitting and intermittent walking.
Contacts	Contacts are an integral part of the job as work involves internal and external contacts for the purpose of problem-solving with respect to matters of considerable importance to the organization requiring tact, diplomacy and persuasiveness and/or where no guidelines exist. Improper handling could affect relationships between departments or functions. Contacts are frequently at the same or higher levels. Interactions may affect City business. Work involves regular contact with people who are upset, uncooperative or have difficulty communicating their requirements and/or a regular requirement to communicate information that people do not want to hear to find upsetting.
Responsibility	May show another employee how to perform a task or may have some lead authority over one or more people for a short period of time through the year. May train replacement and/or co-worker in own job functions.
Accountability	Decision/action situations have a major impact on the organization in terms of costs, delays, or attainment of organizational goals. Errors are often irreversible resulting in financial or public image losses extending over long periods.
Environment	No adverse environmental conditions, pleasant surroundings.
Safety	Work involves few, if any, duties that if incorrectly performed could present a safety risk to others.
Reading	Intermediate - Ability to read papers, periodicals, journals, manuals, dictionaries, thesauruses, and encyclopedias. Ordinarily, such education is obtained in high school up to college. However, it may be obtained from experience and self-study.
Math	Intermediate - Ability to deal with a system of real numbers; and practical application of fractions, percentages, ratios/proportions and measurement. Ordinarily, such education is obtained in high school up to college. However, it may be obtained from experience and self-study.
Writing	Intermediate - Ability to write reports, prepare business letters, expositions, and summaries with proper format, punctuation, spelling, and grammar, using all parts of speech. Ordinarily, such education is obtained in high school up to college. However, it may be obtained from experience and self-study.
Certification & Other Requirements	Preference to those with industry experience including medical coding training and experience with Medicare laws and billing, ambulance, hospital or physician billing. Preference also to those with Certified Ambulance Coder Certification and/or National Ambulance Association Coder Certification.



OVERALL PHYSICAL STRENGTH DEMANDS:

-Physical strength for this position is indicated below with “S”				
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PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

C Continuously 2/3 or more of the time.	F Frequently From 1/3 to 2/3 of the time.	O Occasionally Up to 1/3 of the time.	R Rarely Less than 1 hour per week.	N Never Never occurs.
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Note: This is intended as a description of the way the job is currently performed. It does not address the potential for accommodation.

-Physical Demand-	-Frequency-	-Brief Description-
Standing	O	Observing work site, observing work duties, communicating with co-workers
Sitting	F	Desk work, meetings, driving
Walking	O	To other departments/offices, around work site
Lifting	R	Supplies, files
Carrying	R	Supplies, files
Pushing/Pulling	O	File drawers, tables and chairs
Reaching	R	For supplies, for files
Handling	F	Paperwork
Fine Dexterity	F	Computer keyboard, telephone keypad, calculator
Kneeling	R	Filing in lower drawers, retrieving items from lower shelves/ground
Crouching	R	Filing in lower drawers, retrieving items from lower shelves/ground
Crawling	N	Under equipment
Bending	R	Filing in lower drawers, retrieving items from lower shelves/ground
Twisting	R	From computer to telephone
Climbing	R	Stairs, step stools
Balancing	N	On step stools
Vision	C	Reading, computer screen, driving
Hearing	C	Communicating via telephone/radio, to co-workers/public
Talking	F	Communicating via telephone/radio, to co-workers/public
Foot Controls	N	Driving
Other (specified if applicable)		



MACHINES, TOOLS, EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE, AND HARDWARE:

Standard office equipment, scanner, telephone, 10-key, computer, scanner, Peoplesoft, Microsoft Office.

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS:

C Continuously	F Frequently	O Occasionally	R Rarely	N Never		D Daily	W Several Times per Week	M Several Times per Month	S Seasonally	N Never
-Health and Safety Factors-						-Environmental Factors-				
Mechanical Hazards			N			Respiratory Hazards			N	
Chemical Hazards			N			Extreme Temperatures			N	
Electrical Hazards			N			Noise and Vibration			N	
Fire Hazards			N			Wetness/Humidity			N	
Explosives			N			Physical Hazards			N	
Communicable Diseases			N							
Physical Danger or Abuse			N							
Other										

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

None

NON-PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

F Frequently From 1/3 to 2/3 of the time	O Occasionally Up to 1/3 of the time	R Rarely Less than 1 hour per week	N Never Never occurs
-Description of Non-Physical Demands-			-Frequency-
Time Pressure			O
Emergency Situation			R
Frequent Change of Tasks			F
Irregular Work Schedule/Overtime			R
Performing Multiple Tasks Simultaneously			F
Working Closely with Others as Part of a Team			F
Tedious or Exacting Work			F
Noisy/Distracting Environment			R
Other			

PRIMARY WORK LOCATION:

Office Environment	X	Vehicle	
Warehouse		Outdoors	
Shop		Other	
Recreation/Neighborhood Center			