AAMAS Practice Analysis 2006

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The Survey Instrument

Frequency + Importance = Criticality

**TASK STATEMENTS**

**Professional Standards And Audit Behavior**

1. Participate in goal setting, strategic planning, and mission/vision development activities
2. Integrate code/standards of conduct policies in performance of medical audits
3. Establish/monitor appropriate patient access and confidential policies
4. Establish/participate in enforcing expectations and systems of accountability
5. Apply principles of objectivity in performance of medical audit activity
6. Develop/monitor effectiveness of internal control policies
7. Apply principles of independence in performance of medical audit activity
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Highlights.....

- Conducted online in June-July 2006
  - 2004 was conducted at the Spring AAMAS conference
- 150 participated ➔ 29% completed the 2004 survey
  - 2004: 180 participated
- 33% were AAMAS members ➔ 52% CMAS
  - 2004: 88% AAMAS members, 71% CMAS
- 32% from the South, 26% Midwest
  - 2004: 40% Southerners, 24% Midwest
93% from 41- >60 years old age range

- 45%: 51-60 years old
- 25%: 41-50 years old
- 23%: > 60 years old

Similar age mix distribution in 2004
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Medical Audit Experience

2006
1. 16-20 years (24%)
2. 1-5 years (21%)
3. 6-10 years (17%)
4. 11-15 years (15%)
5. 21-25 years (15%)

2004
1. 11-15 years
2. 16-20 years
3. 1-5 years
4. 6-10 years
5. 21-25 years
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Areas of Medical Audit Activity

2006
- Inpatient
- Outpatient
- Ambulatory Centers
- Physician
- SNF/LTC/Rehab

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2006 Interesting findings

- Audit Work Flow: very slight variation in top 10 ranking from 2004 survey
- Coding functions of medical auditors are rising → knowledge of CCI rules jumped to #16 from #22 in 2004
- Application of medical necessity rules in audit activity ranked #4 from #6
- UR/UM functions appears to be an integral function in 2006 (up by 2 points from 2004)
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Other “Aha’s”

- Contracts and Negotiations
  - 2006: Negotiate with Payors ranked # 2
  - 2004: Was # 3 in 2004

- Compliance and special investigations
  - 2006: # 2 ➔ investigate compliance reports and issues
  - 2004: Was # 3
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More “Aha’s” ➔ Denials and Appeal Management

1. Participate in denials and appeals mgt ➔ 2
2. Tracks and review denied claims ➔ 3
3. Conduct adjustment and payments ➔ 1
4. Write appeal letters ➔ 5
5. Recommend business process rules ➔ 4
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Medical Audit Skills/Knowledge

2006
1. Problem Solving
2. Clinical Judgment
3. Accounting/Finance
4. Nursing Process
5. Health Information Mgt. Principles

2004
- # 2
- # 1
- # 4
- # 3
- # 6

*** Negotiations was # 5
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*The environment we live in ....*

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