

## **VALERIE A. MELLON, M.Ed., CPC, CPC-H**

Valerie Mellon is a Senior Manager in the Pittsburgh office of Compliance Concepts, Inc. Valerie has nearly 20 years experience in the group health insurance industry, including indemnity, HMO, PPO, POS, and Medicare supplement plans, preadmission review and medical/psychiatric case management. As Coordination of Benefits Manager for HealthAmerica (a Coventry Corporation), she was instrumental in introducing a coordination of benefits program for all managed care business lines. Valerie implemented policies and procedures for the Medicare Secondary Payer Program for patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD). She also served as Coventry's delegate to the American National Standards Institute, Accredited Standards Committee, X12-N, for electronic data interchange. She was chairperson of the workgroup for Electronic Provider Capitation Payments, utilizing the X12 837, Health Care Claim or Encounter transaction. Before joining CCI, she worked as a Senior Financial Analyst for Allegheny Health, Education and Research Foundation (AHERF). Valerie was responsible for developing pricing strategies for specialized hospital services and 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 compliance
  - Hospital Chargemaster Review
  - Ambulance Services
  - Physician Services
  - Outpatient Prospective Payment System and APCs
  - Skilled Nursing Facilities MDS and RUG levels
  - Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities IRF-PAI and CMGs
  - Pharmacy Services
- Provider Education for Documentation and Compliance

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 (CPC-H)

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Academy of Professional Coders (AAPC)  
Cambridge Who's Who Among Women Healthcare Professionals