

Certified Ambulance Coder®





What is NAAC®?

NAAC is a company dedicated to the advancement of billing and compliance education for the nation's ambulance industry. NAAC provides online and live classroom educational programs and offers certifications recognized throughout the United States.

The Highest Standards of Educational Integrity

NAAC has been accepted by many national, state and local organizations as an approved educational provider. The CAC course has been adopted by the University of Pittsburgh as an approved undergraduate course at the collegiate level. NAAC adheres to the highest standards of educational integrity in all of its programming.

National Recognition and Acceptance

NAAC has partnered with many national and state organizations and governmental agencies to provide accredited continuing education for their programs all across the United States. NAAC continuing education

partners include CMS (the Medicare Learning Network), multiple Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs), numerous state ambulance associations and many other educational providers throughout the country. Continuing education opportunities are available online and at accredited educational events throughout the U.S.

The Gold Standard of Excellence

NAAC represents the industry's Gold Standard of Excellence in compliance, ethics and integrity in all facets of ambulance compliance. The CAC course meets the 104.03.02 standard for accreditation through CAAS – the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services.

Commitment Statement

NAAC is committed to the development of outstanding educational programs to improve the knowledge, accuracy and efficiency of ambulance industry professionals, and is dedicated to raising the prestige of the ambulance billing, coding and compliance profession.

The CAC curriculum was designed with the input of ambulance billing professionals from across the United States – and in consultation with the attorneys and consultants of Page, Wolfberg & Wirth – the National EMS Industry Law Firm® – so you can count on the accuracy and integrity of the program.





Should Become a Certified Ambulance Coder®?

The Certified Ambulance Coder (CAC^{m}) designation is primarily for ambulance billing personnel – **anyone** involved in the ambulance revenue cycle. This includes those involved in:

- Reviewing patient care reports
- Selecting procedure codes, diagnosis/condition codes and modifiers
- Filing ambulance claims
- Payment, follow-up, appeals and review processes
- Internal claim auditing

CAC certification is also recommended for **billing office supervisors** and managers, compliance officers, QA coordinators, and upper level management in an ambulance service, billing company or any other entity involved in ambulance billing or reimbursement.



Become a Certified Ambulance Coder (CAC)?

- Obtain a nationally recognized ambulance billing and coding certification
- · Achieve accurate, timely and compliant billing
- Avoid common pitfalls in the billing process
- Decrease your claims rejections
- Ensure the future health and viability of your organization
- Increase your bottom line
- Demonstrate your commitment to ethics, integrity and compliance
- Uphold the dignity of the ambulance billing and coding profession
- Advance your education and your career





Does the Curriculum Cover?

The CAC course covers all aspects of ambulance billing, coding and compliance. The course is organized to follow the claim process – from **pre-billing to coding to follow-up and compliance.** The program begins by addressing the foundations necessary for proper ambulance billing, including anatomy, physiology and terminology, which is critical for billers and coders. The program also covers ambulance documentation, signature rules, billing forms and other vital pre-billing knowledge.

The CAC course also addresses the fundamentals of ambulance coding, including procedure coding, ICD coding, proper use of transportation indicators, modifier selection and much more. The curriculum also covers the **ambulance-specific billing rules of all major payers**, including Medicare, Medicaid, managed care organizations, commercial insurers and others. The CAC program also addresses the "nuts and bolts" of the claim production process, including claim preparation and submission, posting and remittance, denials and appeals and collections. Finally, the course covers the major compliance areas that ambulance billers need to know, including **billing risk areas**, **preventing false claims, HIPAA compliance and more.**



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