







# **Recertification Made Easy!**



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### **y** Should I Maintain my Certifications?

One of the biggest challenges for ambulance billers, compliance officers and privacy officers is staying current with ever-changing rules and regulations. Like it or not, the EMS industry is a target for audits and investigations that threaten ambulance services everywhere. In light of these threats, it is imperative to stay up to date with all the applicable rules and guidelines pertaining to the complex world of ambulance billing and compliance.

Fraud and abuse laws. Medicare rules. Compliance. Patient privacy. Information security. Signature rules. Exclusions. The list goes on. Today more than ever, EMS agencies and billing companies are facing a constantly-growing list of challenges. Sometimes getting audited is random luck-of-the-draw. But other times, ambulance services invite scrutiny and audits through less-than-perfect billing practices, an ineffective compliance program or the failure to protect patient information. Help keep your organization off the audit radar screen with NAAC®-approved continuing education.

Maintaining your Certified Ambulance Coder® (CAC™), Certified Ambulance Compliance Officer™ (CACO®) and Certified Ambulance Privacy Officer™ (CAPO®) certifications through continuing education allows you to help your organization protect itself and improve its bottom line with integrity and compliance.

### What are my Recertification Requirements?

### CAC

A total of 12 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are required on an annual basis to maintain CAC certification.

Four (4) mandatory credit hours are required each year to ensure Certified Ambulance Coders are staying current with the ever changing ambulance billing rules.

The remaining eight (8) elective CEU hours may be chosen from a variety of categories specific to your own professional development needs.

### CACO

Six (6) CEUs are required on an annual basis to maintain CACO certification. The CEU hours may consist of any approved compliance education topics.

### CAPO

Four (4) CEUs are required on an annual basis to maintain CAPO certification. The CEU hours may consist of any approved HIPAA/Privacy education topics.

### CADS

Lifetime certification. No CEUs required.



### HOW do I Obtain Recertification Credit Hours?

### LIVE CON-ED

Continuing education may be obtained through participation in a variety of NAAC®-approved conferences and training events held throughout the country.

### **CONFERENCES:**

- abc<sup>360</sup> Conference
- AAA Annual Conference & Trade Show
- Arkansas EMS Expo
- Image*Trend*<sup>™</sup> Connect Conference
- PWW Media's XI<sup>®</sup> Conference

### WEBINARS & TELECONFERENCES FROM:

- American Ambulance Association (AAA)
- Cahaba/GBA
- First Coast Service Options
- National Government Services (NGS)
- Noridian

- TriTech Software Systems User Group Trainings
- Various Statewide EMS and Ambulance Association Conferences
- ZOLL Summit
- Novitas
- Palmetto/GBA
- Page, Wolfberg & Wirth, LLC
- PWW Media, Inc.
- WPS Medicare

### **ON-DEMAND CON-ED**

Online continuing education offers the opportunity to stay up-to-date with industry information from the comfort of your own home or office. Choose from NAAC provided CEUs or trainings offered by:

- Medicare Learning Network
- PWW Media, Inc.
- WPS Medicare

### ONSITE

Are you part of an organization that employs several CACs, CACOs or CAPOs? If so, custom designed, onsite recertification training may be for you. Options include one or two-day training sessions, which allow your CACs, CACOs and CAPOs to obtain their continuing education in the convenience of your location.

For more information regarding onsite continuing education, contact NAAC at 877-765-6222.

Visit www.AmbulanceCompliance.com to view the current list of Live and On-Demand Con-Ed that has been approved for CEUs by NAAC.



Look for the NAAC "CEU Approved" logo on registration materials to be assured that the conference or training has received approval for NAAC CEUs!

If you don't see a conference, training or webinar listed that you plan to attend, please contact the Conference Organizer and request that they apply for approval of their training for CEUs.

## It is the responsibility of every CAC, CACO & CAPO to obtain a CEU Certificate and enter it on the NAAC website prior to their certification expiration date.

For questions regarding your certification or recertification requirements, please contact NAAC via email at CustomerServices@AmbulanceCompliance.com or by phone at 877-765-6222.



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