

**Course Title:** Documentation & Payment Principles: 2022 Update

**Price:** \$90

**Number of CEUs:** 0.3 CEUs

**Course Instructor(s):**

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Ellen received her Masters in Physical Therapy from UAB, and earned her APTA Board Certification in Geriatric Physical Therapy in 1999. She has been a practicing physical therapist for over 20 years, working in the hospital, skilled nursing, home health, outpatient and cardiac rehab settings. She has held various roles including clinician, manager and Director over multiple programs. Presently, Ellen is owner of Rehab Resources and Consulting, Inc., a company providing continuing education and consulting services for post-acute care settings. Ellen is a member of the APTA, where she has served on Payment Policy Strategy Committees advising the APTA Board of Directors on payment policy in all settings. She serves on a state level as the Chair of the Practice and Reimbursement Committee for the Alabama Physical Therapy Association. In 2009, Ellen became a Certified Expert in Exercise for the Aging Adult, a certification course sponsored by the APTA's Academy of Geriatric Physical Therapy. In 2015, Ellen became Certified in Healthcare Compliance through the HealthCare Compliance Association.

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, August 30, 2022; 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Course Delivery Method:** The speaker will deliver the course in real time via Zoom. Participants are welcome to join the course by Zoom or in-person with other clinicians and students on the USA campus in an auditorium with a large screen. There will be a time for in-person networking before the course and during breaks.

**Location:** University of South Alabama HAHN #1013 Nursing Auditorium or by Zoom

**Course Description:** The payer regulations and guidelines for therapy services are complex and always changing. Moreover, understanding how payment requirements differ from practice requirements, and how both differ across practice settings, is important to maintaining your professional integrity.

This course will assist the participant in navigating and applying the rules and regulations. The key components of documentation will be presented along with examples of how to incorporate them into daily documentation. The participant will also learn about recent changes affecting therapists in all settings: the future of telehealth, potential threats to payment for outpatient therapy settings, updates on the Patient Driven Payment Model and the Patient Driven Group Model for skilled nursing facilities and home health agencies, respectively, and how value-based care continues to influence healthcare practices.

**Learner-based objectives:**

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

1. Effectively document the delivery of medically necessary, skilled rehab services in all therapy settings: hospital, home health, skilled nursing facility and outpatient clinics.
2. Understand the most current documentation regulations and how to implement them in daily practice.
3. Discuss the most recent changes to therapy services payment and how business practices might be impacted.
4. Discuss the most recent policy & payment landscape, including telehealth.

**Intended audience:** PTs, PTAs, OTs, COTAs, SLPs, office managers

**Prerequisite course:** none

**Special Attire:** No special attire is required

**Specified Equipment/books:** None