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AMT Credentialed Medical Assistants Aid Doctors Offices in Complying with CMS Meaningful Use Regulations

ROSEMONT (November 15, 2013)— With the recent Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Meaningful Use rule, doctor's offices can now delegate the entry of physician orders into the Electronic Health Record (EHR) system to credentialed medical assistants, such as those certified by American Medical Technologists (AMT), and therefore increase office efficiency.

The Meaningful Use rule, which is part of the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act, allows doctors, healthcare professionals and hospitals to qualify for Medicare and Medicaid incentive payments when they adopt and meaningfully use certified electronic health record EHR technology. The HITECH Act also imposes Medicare payment penalties on providers who don't meet meaningful use standards by the year 2015.

"CMS has recognized the unique and important role played by properly credentialed medical assistants in the healthcare delivery system", says Christopher Damon, Executive Director at AMT, "and we are pleased to report that AMT's Registered Medical Assistants (RMAs) completely meet the requirements set forth in this rule".

Appropriately credentialed medical assistants can add considerable value to the practice. Delegating order entry to medical assistants means that physicians and nurses can spend more time with patients and can be assured that a qualified professional will see that orders are entered properly. This transfer of duties not only helps the office meet its meaningful use core measure goals, but it also translates to a more efficient and cost-effective office operation.

AMT can help non-credentialed medical assistants get certified. Its eligibility requirements allow an individual who has worked as a medical assistant for 5 years or more to qualify to sit for the RMA exam. AMT offers study tools, such as detailed exam content outlines and practice tests, to increase testing knowledge and confidence. For more information on AMT certification, please call 847-823-5169, email us at mail@americanmedtech.org or visit www.americanmedtech.org.

American Medical Technologists is a nationally and internationally recognized certification agency for allied health professionals, including Medical Assistants. In existence since 1939, AMT is also a membership association, providing continuing education and other services to over 60,000 members. AMT is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) for all its competency-based examinations.

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