Meaningful Use and Credentialed Medical Assistants

What is Meaningful Use?
Meaningful Use is a federal requirement that encourages eligible healthcare providers (EPs) and hospitals to use certified electronic health record (EHR) technologies in ways that meaningfully improve healthcare quality and efficiency. Physicians and hospitals that don’t meet meaningful use standards by 2015 face Medicare payment penalties. AMT’s Registered Medical Assistant (RMA) credential fully meets the CMS requirements for Meaningful Use.

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Credentialed Medical Assistants Are Essential to Meaningful Use Compliance!

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Stage 2 Core Objective 1: Computerized Order Entry
“...licensed healthcare professionals and credentialed MEDICAL ASSISTANTS can enter orders into the medical record...credentialing for a medical assistant must come from an organization other than the organization employing the medical assistant.”

AMT’s nonprofit status and industry reputation has led state governing bodies, state medical societies and healthcare systems all across the country to name AMT as a preferred certification agency for medical assistants.

Why Meaningful Use Matters to Medical Assistants
Employers must prove they are meaningfully using EHR technology in order to be paid by Medicare and Medicaid. Physicians realize the potential time and cost savings of tasking RMAs with entering orders for medication, laboratory and radiology services into EHRs.

RMAs Are Employer Must-Haves for Meaningful Use and Beyond
An AMT-certified medical assistant or RMA performs many other valuable tasks for employers:

- RMAs increase efficiency and cost-effectiveness
- RMAs have broad-based knowledge and the capabilities to provide excellent clinical care and administrative services
- RMAs stay current on best practices in the field
- RMAs help practices provide better patient outcomes
- Physicians, staff and patients trust RMAs
- Physicians and nurses can spend more time with patients

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