

AAPC  
Certified Rheumatology Coder (CRHC)  
Proctored Certification Test  
Pre-Conference Event  
October 7, 2021

**The Heat is on Rheumatology**  
**Come to the NORM Oasis**

“NORM’s sponsorship of the CRHC AAPC exam has added a level of knowledge to my interactions and conversations with the providers. Coding is not my primary job within the practice but having this certification has boosted my confidence on being able to give my providers solid, reliable, and objective advice on how to improve their coding practices.”

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The NORM Board of Directors understands and recognizes the importance of your billing staff. In our continued efforts to support the specialty of rheumatology, it is with great pleasure NORM is, again, offering the AAPC Rheumatology Specialty Exam (CRHC) to our members and their billing and coding staff. The exam will be offered before our 2021 conference.

NORM's financial assistance includes the AAPC CRHC Test, AAPC Study Guide, AAPC Online Practice Test, AMA Coding Books (CPC ICD-10 and HCPCS), and NORM CRHC resource binder. The financial assistance also includes two nights at the Grand Arizona Resort & Spa either Tuesday & Wednesday or Wednesday & Thursday based on your travel situation. Each test participant will be responsible for their AAPC membership cost. In order for NORM to register you for the exam, each participant will need to sign the commitment letter, and provide their AAPC membership username and AAPC password. Once registered each participant will receive an email confirmation.

The exam is open to all NORM members and their staff. If you are interested in participating or having your staff participate but are not a member of NORM, please visit our website ([www.normgroup.org](http://www.normgroup.org)) and join NORM.

**Register soon as space is limited to 25 and sponsorships will be given on a first come first serve basis.**

**Registration closes April 25**

We encourage our members to support their billing staff by sending them to Phoenix, AZ in time to attend the Exam Review Session. The exam review session is from 1pm to 5pm on Wednesday, October 6. The proctored exam will be held the next day, Thursday, October 7 beginning at 9:00 am. Doors open at 7:30am.

While your staff is in Phoenix, they may benefit from the many programs at our annual conference. If they pass the test on Thursday, October 7 any AAPC CEU credits we may offer will apply to those required to main certification.

For additional information about the test, and to register with NORM for the Exam Review Session and CRHC test, please visit the AAPC Test Page on the members' only page on the NORM membership portal.

If you have questions about the exam please visit the FAQ page available at [www.aapc.com/certification/faq.aspx](http://www.aapc.com/certification/faq.aspx).

If you have questions about NORM sponsorship contact Tammy Bulger at [tammy@normgroup.org](mailto:tammy@normgroup.org).

*Become a part of the growing National Organization of Rheumatology Management success story and support your billing staff by sending them to this exciting and valuable rheumatology specific event.*

## Registration Deadline – April 25

### CRHC Exam Preparation Schedule

#### Introduction to the CRHC Exam preparation Course (1 hour)

- May 6 at 3 pm CST
- Objective
  - Discuss the study format to include written materials, coding books, webinars, AAPC practice exams, quizzes and review session

#### Rheumatology Coding Principles (4 hours conducted over 4 sessions)

- Part I - May 13 at 3:00 pm CST                      Part 2 – May 27 at 3:00 pm CST
- Part 3 - June 10 at 3:00 pm CST                      Part 4 - June 24 at 3:00 pm CST
- Objectives
  - Review coding terminology
  - Discuss services offered by Rheumatology
  - Explore Evaluation and Management coding guidelines
  - Learn about procedures as we review anatomy related to procedures
  - Define medications commonly used in Rheumatology, reason for use and administration method
  - Review common diagnostic services
  - Identify modifiers commonly used with E/M and procedures

#### Infusion Coding Principles (1 hour)

- July 8 at 3 pm CST
- Objectives
  - Review coding for infusion administration services
  - Discuss medication HCPCS coding
  - Explore documentation guidelines for infusion services

#### Rheumatology ICD 10 coding (1.5 hours)

- July 22 at 2:30 pm CST
- Objectives
  - Review common Rheumatology ICD-10 codes

#### Case Study presentations (1 hour each)

- August 12 at 3 pm CST
- August 26 at 3 pm CST
- September 9 at 3 pm CST
- September 23 at 3 pm CST

**Review Session**

- October 6 at 1:00pm to 5:00pm
- Objectives
  - Ensure coding resources are prepared for Exam
  - Confirm understanding of procedures and anatomy related to procedures
  - Medications to include reason for use, billable units and administration method
  - Common diagnostic services
  - Modifiers commonly used with E/M and procedures
  - Diagnoses coding guidelines o Explore Evaluation and Management coding guidelines

Post Exam Review - 2 hours

- Oct 28 3 pm CST

**The webinars will be recorded and posted to a private website.**

*Each presentation will include a short quiz as well as participants will have access to Quizlet App to utilize the custom quiz for CRHC exam study preparation*