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**Julie Onofrio : Massage Insurance Billing 101: Putting the Care Back in Health Care** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Massage Insurance Billing 101: Putting the Care Back in Health Care:

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Corey  
Firstly, this book does contain a good amount of useful and important information, especially for a practitioner who doesn't have a lot of background in the insurance based medical world. I've worked in a clinic billing with insurance as an IC and this helped me fill out some gaps pretty well as I move towards billing independently without the support of a clinic. However, there are many glaring issues which are constantly annoying and harmful to the usefulness of this book. Firstly...the author published this book mere months before ICD-10 came out and our CPT codes were changed. The changes aren't as dramatic in the massage world as they could have been, but the author stated that likely everything would dramatically change, including our main codes being phased out. This didn't end up being the case, but she openly states that basically what she's talking about may be completely invalid. That makes me think it was an update to the book just to get more money shortly before her knowledge base and book became obsolete. That doesn't sit well with me. Secondly, MOST of the book is filler. Almost everything is repeated 1-4 times. I really mean that. There's some good info in here, but it just gets repeated over and over for no reason. Instead of saying once at the beginning of a chapter, for example, that a book she recommends will be useful for many things, she repeats several sentences to tell you that you should check that book out for more info. Similarly, she will describe the process for submitting billing for one type of insurance (such as personal injury protection, aka car crashes and falls), which takes a couple pages or more. This is useful. But then for the next type of insurance (like work comp), she will line out the process again, when maybe only one or two lines are different. This will all of course be double spaced. I don't care if someone is being thorough, but this is largely just padding the book to try to double the content (which she easily does, to no benefit) and make it seem more substantial. Again, there is useful information in this book, but the author is approaching it (or at least her publisher) in a somewhat dishonest fashion because of how it is assembled, and the repetition gets extremely annoying. You pay more than you should have to. If there were many good alternatives to this text, I would likely be highly recommending those instead. In future additions, the author needs to trim down the repetition to make this readable, update her text for ICD-10 and any CPT code changes, and go into more useful details on many things which weren't even covered. I'd rather buy a short good book, then one that's a pain to read and obviously just trying to cost me more money.

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By Toni Ridge  
Was hoping this included ICD10... It does not. ICD9 only.  
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Three Stars  
By Customer  
While the writer is in need of an editor, the book is informative and helpful.

Billing Insurance for massage services can be a lucrative way to get more clients into your massage business. In most states, massage therapists can bill insurance for motor vehicle accidents and work related injuries. More health insurance plans are beginning to pay for massage therapy sessions when prescribed by physicians and shown to be medically necessary. Many states are working on obtaining health care provider status and working toward becoming providers for health insurance companies. With that comes the challenges of being a health care provider. It requires that you learn about the rules and laws of working as a health care provider as well as learning to take effective chart notes to show the massage you are giving improves a clients condition. Massage is being used to treat musculoskeletal pain and injuries as a well as many other conditions such as headaches and fibromyalgia. Could massage one day replace the drugs and surgeries now prescribed? Massage is Health Care. Massage is putting the 'Care' back in Health Care