

Linda Watson Becomes Certified Professional Coder (CPC)

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East Georgia Healthcare Center is proud to announce that Linda Watson has been awarded the Certified Professional Coder (CPC) credential after successfully passing the national certification examination.

This certification is sponsored by the American Academy of Professional Coders, a nationally renowned organization offering professional accreditation, education, recognition and networking opportunities to medical coders (CPT®, ICD-9-CM and HCPCS).

In a medical office, like EGHC, a coder has many important functions including determining accurate billing codes for diagnoses, procedures and services performed by physicians. They also review explanations of benefits from payors, evaluate denied claims and file appeals for denied claims.



The demand for medical coders is increasing nationally by approximately 10,000 employees each year and is projected to increase 36 percent or more through the year 2010. Nationally, 18 percent of all medical coding positions go unfilled due to lack of qualified coding professionals, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Linda Watson has been with East Georgia Healthcare Center for 10 years. Linda resides in Twin City with her husband, Joe and their daughter, Brianna.

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