

## Topic Codes

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### Access to/Availability of Care

- improving health care delivery
- increasing services provided under health care
- increasing coverage
- access to information on health care
- availability of personnel/lack of medical personnel/training new personnel
- improving the quality of health care coverage

### Cost of Delivering/Insuring Care

- financing the health care
- affordability
- economics/economic effects
- federal expenditures
- funding measures

### Allocation of Financial Resources (among services; between services and administration)

- redistribution/maldistribution within health care field
- distribution of personnel in the industry or nationwide
- technology vs. other services

### Administrative Burden Imposed on Providers and Patients

- regulative burden
- organization of the health care system
- inefficiency
- problems with DRGs, PSROs, reimbursement procedures, underwriting practices, etc.
- multi-payer system vs. single-payer standards, comparisons of systems
- assessing the finance mechanism
- standardizing procedures, costs, paperwork

### Quality of Medical Care

- effectiveness
- quality of performance
- improving/increasing the training of personnel

### Fraud/Malpractice

- insurance sales abuse
- alleged unethical practices
- cost of malpractice insurance
- death associated with health care

### Other/Uncodable

## Target Group Codes

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Physicians	physicians, dentists, medical school education
Allied Health	nurses, physical therapists, chiropractors, pharmacists, home health workers, health care service employees, trauma care/EMS workers, other health care personnel that cannot be coded into the physicians category
Hospitals/Health Facilities	hospitals, HMOs, PPOs, community health centers, treatment centers, hospital services, trauma care/EMS, poison control centers, hospital technology, academic medical centers, nursing homes, PSROs, other types of health facilities
Labor	workforce, employees, labor unions, unemployed, federal employees
Business/Employers	corporations, small businesses, self-employed, payroll taxes, private sector
Federal Government Programs	Administration, Veterans Affairs, Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, government agencies, national program, CSA, ERISA
State and Local Government Programs	Medicaid, state grants, state and local governments, state commissions, schools, local jails
Consumers/Citizens	
<i>Elderly</i>	Medicare benefits, retirees, social security recipients, elderly references
<i>Women</i>	family, family planning, abortion needs, fertility needs, breast cancer, unwanted pregnancies, female gender references
<i>Infants/Children</i>	schools, teenagers, children, infants
<i>Low-income individuals</i>	poor, homeless, lower-middle income, welfare recipients, low-wage workers, uninsured, income references
<i>Indians/Native Americans</i>	Indians, Native Americans
<i>Minorities</i>	including race, religion, homosexuality, etc.
<i>Military Personnel</i>	CHAMPUS recipients, veterans
<i>Mental Patients</i>	mental health
<i>Disabled/Disease Groups</i>	alcoholism and drug abuse, chronically ill, Medicare beneficiaries, high-risk persons, uninsurable, AIDS
<i>Rural</i>	geographic distinctions, medically underserved areas, undesirable areas

*Urban* geographic distinctions, reference to medically underserved areas in regard to inner cities

*Immigrants* migrant workers

*General Populace* All-Americans, consumers in general, taxpayers, universal, patients, public

Insurance — private sector insurance, third party payers

Other/Uncodable

## **Witness Codes**

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Labor     employees/workers, labor unions, unemployed workers

Management/Business/Industry     corporations/industries, small businesses, self-employed, private sector

Federal Government     elected and non-elected federal government employees

State and Local Government     elected and non-elected non-federal government employees

Citizens     unaffiliated individuals, general groups, disease groups

Insurance     private sector insurance, third party payers

Expert/Academic     academics, think-tanks, others testifying in an expert capacity

Other/Uncodable