

**BIO**  
**SHERRY B. THOMAS, CCP, CCP-AS**

Sherry brings over 30 years experience in the health care industry including office management, billing, collections, ICD-9-CM, CPT-4 and HCPCS coding and auditing. She has managed physician practices and has assisted in minor surgical office procedures, front desk, laboratory, x-ray and medical assistant duties.

She developed, authored and teaches the Certified Coding Professional (CCP) curriculum, the certification exam and the study guide to the certification exam. She provides one-on-one professional assistance to physicians and their staff for all specialties; related to ICD-9, CPT and HCPCS coding and documentation. Sherry has provided expert witness testimony in legal matters related to Fraud and Abuse. She has developed, organized and marketed various seminars and in-house training sessions available through Medical Staff SOS, Inc.

PHIAs (Professional Healthcare Institute of America) curriculum for the Certified Coding Professional (CCP) course consists of an 80-hour program involving an 1100 page textbook including instructional material for CPT, HCPCS and ICD-9-CM coding. Students learn coding rules and regulations for all specialties of medicine and are instructed on proper coding from the operative report as well as in depth chart auditing instruction. This program also includes quizzes, classroom and homework exercises, review exams, a mid-term and a final exam; all of which were developed by Sherry. After completing the program, the student is well prepared to sit for the 5 ½ -hour timed Coding Certification examination, to earn their credentials. In addition to the textbook Sherry developed all Power Point presentations and narration for the CCP online course as well as the Certified Coding Professional (CCP) Certification Examination Study Guide and the national Certified Coding Professional (CCP) Certification Exam

The study guide consists of over 400 sample questions regarding the rules to proper coding of CPT, HCPCS and ICD-9-CM codes, 100 coding exercises and a mock exam. Answers are provided in the book to all sample questions, exercises and mock certification exam. All curriculums are continually updated to encompass the ever-changing body of government rules, regulations and codes.

In 2009 Sherry became a finalist for the NAWBO Women Business Owner of the Year award and in 2011 she was a candidate for Woman of the Year with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Her company was a candidate for the 2009 GLI Inc.credible Award became a finalist for the 2011 GLI Inc.credible Award. She was recently featured in Business First and USA Today and actively participates with and provides education to the following organizations: Louisville, Capital Area, Purchase Area, Lexington chapters of the Kentucky MGMA as well as the Kentucky MGMA, Kentucky Primary Care Association (KPCA), Physicians Office Managers (POM), The Physicians Inc. (TPI), United Healthcare, Kentucky TeleHealth Network, Nortons Hospital, Humana, Kentucky Attorney General, various healthcare organizations across Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, Kansas and Maryland, Kentucky Coalition of Nurse Practitioners/Nurse Midwives (NCNPNM), Greater Louisville Medical Society (GLMS) – AIM Diabetes Program, Spalding University, Bellarmine University, Kentucky Medical Association (KMA), Indiana Wesleyan University, Maryland AAHAM, CE Central U of K, ZirMed University and the U of L Family Practice residents.