



CMSS™ Certification and Credentialing Requirements for CMS: Certified Medical Scribe Specialists

Certified Medical Scribe Specialists assist licensed clinicians at the point of care. The *Medical Scribe Certification & Aptitude Test (MSCAT™)* certifies the medical scribe's breadth of knowledge required by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for advancing the knowledge, scope and roles needed for physicians' duties and responsibilities of clinical personnel, in accordance with advancing the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) and stated objectives.

Upon completion of the preparation for the CMSS™ certification and credentialing examination, all students must sit for the MSCAT™. The student who successfully passes the MSCAT™ and does not have 200 hours of clinical employment experience will be credentialed as a Certified Medical Scribe Apprentice (CMSA). Those with eligible clinical experience are enabled the full clinical crosswalk of duties and credential of Certified Medical Scribe Specialists (CMSS™) will be awarded. Individuals possessing a certification or licensure of Practical Nurse, Registered Nurse, Paramedic or Certified Medical Assistant will be awarded the CMSS™ credential upon successfully completing 50 hours of clinical experience.

Individuals who successfully pass MSCAT™ meet core objectives in CMS MACRA measures and requirements. Certified Medical Scribe Specialists earn the CMSS™ credential through assisting the clinician. Individuals who do not meet the clinical prerequisites are required to sit for the MSCAT™, attesting to the CMSA credential.

A clinical crosswalk of CMSS™ duties is available through ACMSS™ to physicians/administrators only, in adherence with CMS compliance requirements, MACRA and measure development. All clinicians need to certify personnel in meeting and advancing requirements, as set forth by MACRA.

The 100-question psychometric certification examination contains psychometric clinical workflow scenarios, in addition to standardized medical terminology, anatomy and physiology, the Patient Privacy Rule and HIPAA, the scribe's role in medicolegal risk mitigation, visit-level assignments, technical spelling, understanding the essential elements of documenting a physician-patient encounter, evaluation and management level, CMS measures, MACRA compliance, specialty knowledge, knowledge of computer skills and functions of an electronic health record, and satisfying clinical prerequisites to perform as a proficient Certified Medical Scribe Specialist. All topics are covered in the MSCAT™ Compliance Training Program, and are required in both pre-clinical and clinical training.

Psychometric clinical examination consists of multiple choice, multiple-multiple, true-false, and fill-in questions. Successful candidates must pass with a score of 80 percent or greater. HIPAA Compliance testing also requires an 80 percent or greater. Each candidate is allowed three attempts to pass.

Successfully passing enables certification with the body of knowledge to be deemed a Certified Medical Scribe Specialist within the growing industry base. Annual re-certification is required through an \$85 compliance fee and issuance of a CMS-compliant 12-month certificate/credential award. All certified members must maintain three hours of Continuing Medical Education (CME) each year, in addition to the licensure fee.

The Certification and Training Program Includes:

- Certification Fee (MSCAT™ Certification - Choice of Clinical Specialty)
- MSCAT™ Clinical Training Manual
- HIPAA for Scribes - Clinical and Operational Training and Assessment on functions and operations of Certified Medical Scribe Specialists
- Understand defined HIPAA; explain Protected Health Information (PHI); highlight medical scribe risk factors; and comply with important HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules and Regulations.
- MSCAT™ Specialty Certifications
- MSCAT™ includes Meaningful Use CMS Compliance Certification and 12-month issuance of CMSS™ Credentials

Summary of Certification Requirements:

- CMS audit compliant documentation required of Physician/Administrators/Individuals
- 12-month issuance of 'live' CMS certification and compliance documentation
- Industry standardized e-MSCAT™ Training/Resource Manual
- Industry Standardized HIPAA for Scribes e-Training/Operations Assessment
- Live ACMSS™ Webinars
- Access to Continuing Scribe Education Units
- Continuing Medical Education Units
- Membership communication
- Full scope CMSS™ Credential Implementation of 21st Century Personnel
- Implementation protocols for MACRA law, focused on Stage 3 criteria
- Secure American 2-Systems Design documents utilizing Physician/CMSS™ Teams across healthcare
- Virtual Scribe CMSS™ Credential and Certification does count toward reimbursement if one passes clinical exam with minimum clinical competencies, operating in dual function.

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