

Barbara Brant, MPA, BSN-RN, CDIP, CCDS, CCS
Senior Consultant

Barbara joined Pinnacle as a Senior Consultant and is a proven healthcare consulting professional with over 13 years of experience in CDI program implementation and improvement efforts, coding and CDI audits and physician documentation education. She is a registered nurse with coding credential (CCS) and CDI credentials (CDIP and CCDS). She has a proven ability to lead in the development, training and implementation of CDI program incentives. Barbara has managed multiple CDI programs with accurate reporting of program data for measure of client return of investment goals. Most recently, she has 5 years of experience with inpatient MS-DRG and APR-DRG auditing, employment with a RAC auditing company and identifying trends for improved reimbursement and denial prevention.

Areas of Expertise:

- DRG validation- MS-DRG AND APR-DRG audits, DRG Clinical Validation audits, Training DRG and coding auditors, QA staff performance
- CDI Specialist-Onsite reviews, remote reviews, CDI staff training, Physician education, CDI program audits, CDI program implementations, Coding Audits.
- ICD-10 CM/PCS Trainer - Coding, CDI and physician education, ICD-10 Gap Analyses
 - RAC Appeal processes
 - Independent Remote Inpatient Coding and CDI Consultant
 - Quality Management/Utilization Review Coordinator
 - EHR working knowledge of: Epic, 3M 360/HDM, Cerner, Meditech, HDP/eCharms, All Scripts, Siemens OMR, Soarian Clinicals, EDM, Optum Webstrat

Professional Designations and Affiliations:

- AHIMA – Certified Coding Specialist (CCS)
- AHIMA – Certified Documentation Improvement Practitioner (CDIP)
- ACDIS – Certified Clinical Documentation Specialist (CCDS)
- RN – Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Education:

- Master of Public Health Administration, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing, York College of Pennsylvania, York, PA
- Registered Nurse Program – AD, Harrisburg Area Community College, Harrisburg, PA