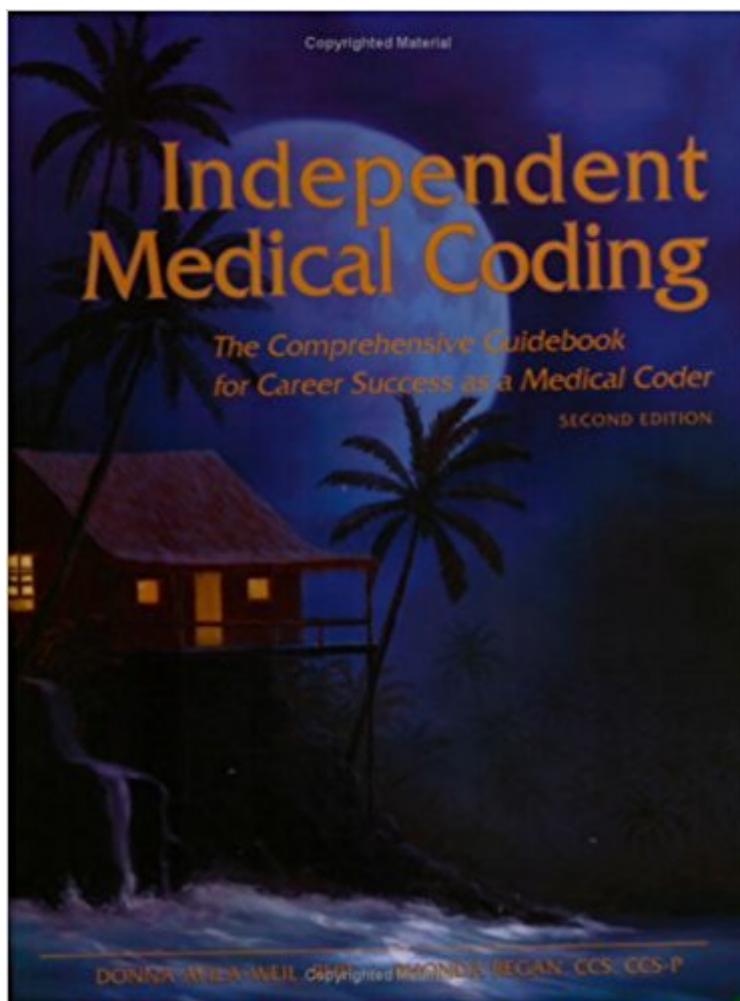


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# Independent Medical Coding, 2nd Edition



## Synopsis

The Comprehensive Guidebook for Career Success as a Medical Coder. How to start and successfully run your own professional independent medical coding business. Step-by-step. + How to blend career and lifestyle working when and where you choose. + How to save time and money using latest technology. + How to access a global client base through telemarketing. How would you like to have a job that you can perform while living anywhere you choose? Like Hawaii ... or on your favorite mountain with a breathtaking view ... or on the shore of your favorite lake? Here's more you can be your own boss working from home, and make a good (or great) income while performing a highly-respected profession. Sound too good to be true? Well, it is true and this dream of a profession/life style is being lived today by independent medical coders around the United States and in other countries. There is an enormous and growing demand for skilled medical coders, creating a severe shortage in a large variety of coding situations. Demand greater than supply sounds like a condition that would result in excellent compensation for those on the supply side. That is also true. So, how do you determine if medical coding is the profession for you? If you are already a medical coder, how do you identify and evaluate the rapidly expanding variety of opportunities open to you? Independent Medical Coding, 2nd edition provides answers to these questions and many more.

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Authors Donna Avila-Weil, RHIT, and Rhonda Regan, CCS, CCS-P, have worked extensively in health information management for decades. Avila-Weil has specialized in coding, in medical transcription, directed medical staff services, and provided extensive consulting services during her 30 year career. Regan has performed medical coding for 20 years. She owns her own independent coding and health information management consulting business. Donna lives and conducts her coding, medical transcription, and consulting business in Hawaii, servicing clients across the U.S. Rhonda lives and has her coding and consulting business in the beautiful wine country of Northern California.

I did start a medical coding consultancy that is going quite well and is now 5 years along...this book was of little or no help. Not really specific and was very dated. I had to learn as I went along; the advice I got from my wife and friends in the industry helped me much more than the book ever did.

This is a great book for someone who wants to start their own medical coding business. The book is very informative and easy to read and understand the how's of starting your own business.

This book is really a great resource. I have devoured it. There is so much useful information in it and it is the first book I have found on this subject that goes into all it would take to make this a great career move. I was looking for a great home business and I think this book will be a great help. I wish I had found it sooner. Good job for the authors.

I received this book in very good condition and have found it to be very honest, and it helps put the reviewing in perspective.

For anyone starting out or who has been in the business awhile, this is the book to have at your finger-tips. Things change, we need to stay abreast of situations to be our very best!

As an at-home Medical biller, this book has helped me to see a way to expand my present income potential. It has great information on where to find more resources and educational opportunities. It gave me lots of marketing ideas. I hope to see future editions with more helpful tools. Having a credentialed and experienced coder as an author in Ms. Regan gave me insight into how to contract and expand my business into the coding field.

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