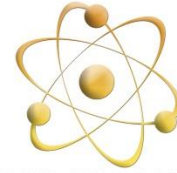




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**CareerSource Flagler Volusia and Synergy Billing Announce Synergy Career Ignite Program  
Program to Train Unemployed and Underemployed for Careers in Medical Coding and Billing**

(DAYTONA BEACH, FL-February 16, 2016) – In a joint statement here today, CareerSource Flagler Volusia (CareerSourceFV) and Synergy Billing announced the Synergy Career Ignite Program, which will provide career skills training for residents who are experiencing long-term unemployment or underemployment. The program will be held in space that Synergy Billing has leased at The Market at 101 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Holly Hill. The first class will begin on April 4, 2016. Classes will be held Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to Noon.

Career Ignite is a robust three-month program designed to prepare individuals with no prior health care experience for a successful career in medical billing and coding. Participants in Career Ignite will complete the course work necessary to sit for the exam to become a Certified Professional Coder (CPC). Synergy Billing is an Educational Partner with the AAPC, the certifying body for professional medical coders. The organization's Web site notes that there are currently 128,000 CPC members, with nearly 99 percent of those employed.

"We have worked successfully with CareerSourceFV for several years to build our own workforce," said M. Jayson Meyer, CEO of Synergy Billing. "We are so pleased that we can now offer training for people in our community who have no health care experience. We expect that many of them might become Synergy Billing employees." The program instructor will be Marlegny Mourino, MHSA, AHIMA Approved ICD-10-CM/PCS Trainer, CPC, CMAS, NCMA, one of the nation's leading instructors in Medical Coding and Billing. Mourino is Director of Training and Education for Synergy Billing.

"As we worked with Synergy Billing over the last several years, we were impressed with the quality of both their training programs and the kinds of careers that they are able to offer their employees," said Robin King, CEO of CareerSource Flagler Volusia. "The Career Ignite program will empower even more of our residents to take advantage of the opportunity to enter this great field. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, medical coding is one of the fastest growing professions in the nation, with 15 percent growth expected by the year 2024. Career prospects are bright for those who complete this program."

Meyer added that he is reserving five positions in the first class for veterans. "I never had the privilege of serving in the military," he said. "I have such gratitude and admiration for our veterans and I want to do something that helps them make a smooth transition back to civilian life."

Synergy Career Ignite students will receive training in medical terminology, anatomy and physiology, Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), ICD-10-CM diagnostic coding, Health Care Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS), Introduction to Medical Billing, and Health Care Revenue Cycle Overview. Some students may also be selected for an experiential learning placement on a Synergy Billing team. All students will receive ICD-10-CM, CPT, and HCPCS coding books, AAPC membership, and preparation for the test required to become a Certified Professional Coder (CPC).

Residents of Volusia and Flagler Counties who are interested in applying for the program should contact Kathy Spencer at 386-561-9750.



**Synergy Billing** provides revenue cycle management to a special niche in health care known as Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). These community health centers act as a safety net for the nation's most vulnerable populations. Services provided to these clients including medical billing, credentialing, and extensive training on a variety of critical topics. Synergy Billing was founded in 2006 by entrepreneur M. Jayson Meyer, who is nationally recognized as an expert in maximizing revenue in health care. Most FQHCs report collection rates of less than 75 percent, while Synergy Billing clients report collection rates of more than 90 percent.

**CareerSource Flagler Volusia** provides recruitment-related services, human resource information and training opportunities to businesses and job seekers in our community. Our services are funded through various public and private sources. Our job is to help our business community reduce recruitment costs, and provide the information and resources they need to attain and maintain qualified employees. The mission of CareerSource Flagler Volusia is to provide innovative customized employment and training solutions to support economic prosperity in collaboration with economic development, education, chambers of commerce, community-based organizations, local governments and active business partners.