# Medical Coder

## What does a Medical Coder do?

- Medical coders spend their days sorting through patient charts to assign these codes and ensure that the health care providers they work for are properly reimbursed for their services. Coding accurately is not easy – the coder must carefully read the doctor's and nurse's notes to determine exactly what services the patient received.

## What kind of education would I need?

- There are no standardized educational requirements to become a medical coder. Many current coders started their careers as medical assistants, learning how to code simply because their employer needed someone to do it.

## Where would I work?

- Doctor's offices
- Surgery centers
- Hospitals and health care systems

## Job Outlook?

Very good.

## Site:

http://swz.salary.com/salarywizard/Medical-Records-Coding-Technician-Hourly-Salary-Details-Sioux-Falls-SD.aspx

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### Salary?

Medical Coders earn an average of $36,310 per year!