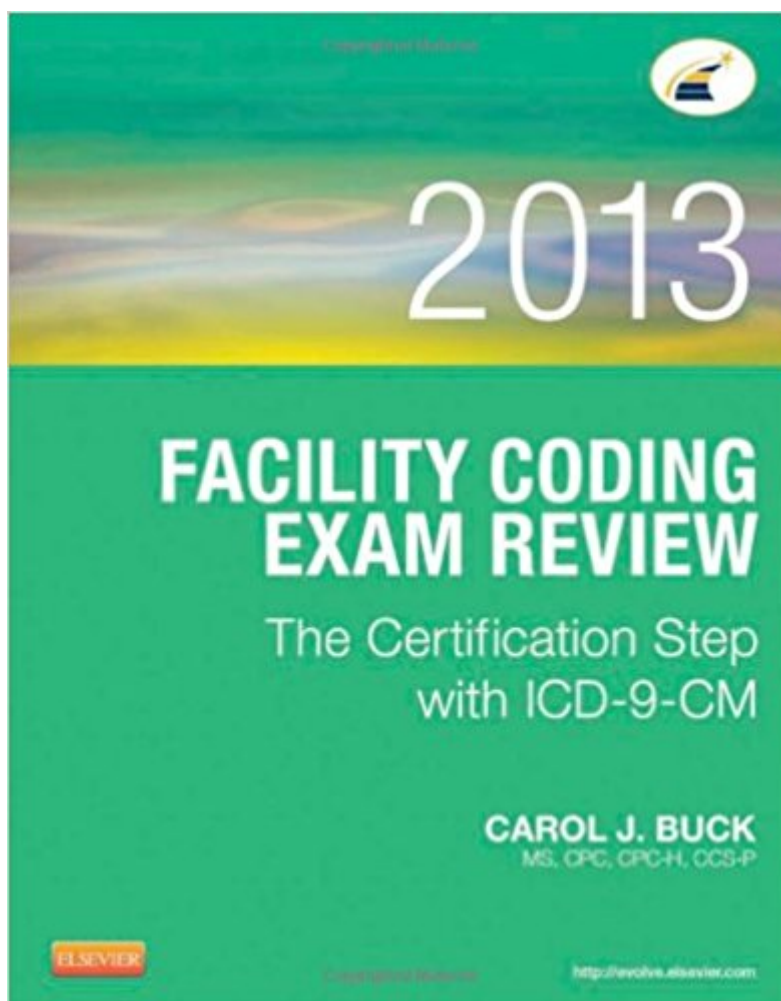


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# Facility Coding Exam Review 2013: The Certification Step With ICD-9-CM, 1e



## Synopsis

With the expert insight of leading coding educator Carol J. Buck, this complete exam review highlights the content you'll need to master to pass the AHIMA CCS certification exam and take your coding career to the next step. CCS Coding Exam Review 2013: The Certification Step with ICD-9-CM features an easy-to-follow outline format that guides you through the anatomy, terminology, and pathophysiology for each organ system; reimbursement concepts; an overview of CPT, ICD-9-CM, and HCPCS coding; and more. Two full practice exams and a final exam modeled on the actual CCS exam simulate the testing experience and help prepare you for success. Companion Evolve website includes electronic practice exams that simulate the actual AHIMA exam experience to help you overcome test anxiety. Pre-, post-, and final exams allow you to track your learning. Answers and rationales reinforce your understanding of coding concepts. Updates, study tips, and helpful web links aid your understanding. Comprehensive CCS coverage highlights essential information for passing the AHIMA CCS exam, accompanied by detailed figures, for the most efficient exam review.

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## Customer Reviews

The Facility Coding Exam Review book is fine. It's not as detailed or authoritative as Faye Brown's ICD-9 book, but Faye Brown is more of a reference than a review. I would give the book itself four stars. I'm giving the product two stars because of the Elsevier Evolve website. The theory is that you will register at the website and then have access to three separate CCS practice exams that are

supposedly included as part of the package when you buy the book. In practice, it doesn't work that way. It took me dozens of tries to navigate to the practice exams within the Evolve website (after installing the recommended bloatware). I tried in both Firefox and Explorer. If there is a help file, I can't find it. The inside cover of the book lists a 24/7 technical helpline. Most people understand 24/7 to mean literally all day, every day. Evidently 24/7 has a another, more metaphorical meaning that I wasn't aware of because, when I called the support number at 2:00 on a Saturday afternoon, I got a recording stating that the office was closed. After screwing around with browser settings for about an hour I did finally get access. Apparently, you have to turn off some of the security settings that are standard on every browser in the world and then click on the exam link over and over until the test pops up--at least that's what seems to have done it, but who really knows. Ironically, once you're actually in the test, it works flawlessly.

Delivery was fast and the book was received in excellent condition. However, as to content, I did not find this book very well written. Some of the bullet points in the chapters were vague, and even the referenced page #s in the Syllabus were incorrect. This book is more like a teacher's lesson plan with points written down followed by sketchy explanations. One has to navigate through the book on one's own, as the quizzes do not reference the location of an answer key (I finally found it at the end of the unit). And the timed Tests mentioned in the Syllabus for Units 1 and 2 are missing with no reference or explanation. When I contacted Elsevier online about this, they responded that those Unit Tests are in the teacher's manual instead--I am trying to gain access online to those. If I had it to do over, I would purchase AHIMA's Study Guide, as I understand it comes with numerous tests on which to practice, And after all, that's the main objective: to see how we handle questions thrown at us, like the ones on AHIMA's CCS Exam itself. And who would know better than AHIMA.

The only real difference from the previous version (which was the CCS review guide), is that it's updated for 2013. The questions are the same. Save your money and buy the AHIMA exam prep book (5th edition ) and the Clinical Coding workout book. I don't like giving all my money to AHIMA, but I also don't like buying a book with the same information and same review questions as the 2009 edition.

Good

Served its purpose for college courses.

This book is exactly what I was looking for. It is greatly helping me in my studies and toward my goal of obtaining my certification in coding. I recommend it.

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