773 ESS consolidates $10M in tactical medical coding contracts

The 773rd Enterprise Sourcing Squadron recently consolidated 33 tactical contracts for medical coding requirements into three strategic level contracts valued at $10 million. The consolidation of these contracts will enable our mission partner, the Air Force Medical Readiness Agency (AFMRA), to exercise complete medical coding coverage across multiple Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs) supporting the Air Force mission.

This requirement is critical since it is DoD policy that all patient services within the Military Health System (MHS) must be documented and coded completely, accurately, and promptly, adhering to industry-established, legal, and MHS-specific guidelines and criteria to ensure accuracy and consistency of code assignment, proper code sequence, valid data reporting, and authorized exchange of data with non-MHS organizations. This supports the continuity of patient care, MHS enterprise resource allocation, the integrity of MHS information, performance measurement, quality management, provider productivity, research, and MHS cost recovery programs.

Furthermore, the consolidation of these requirements aligns with the Air Force Installation Contracting Center (AFICC) Mission Area 2: Enterprise Solutions. As identified in the AFICC Flight Plan, enterprise solutions "use the AF's buying power to cost effectively modernize with goal of being good stewards of taxpayers' dollars. Driving innovation through enterprise solutions, across the AF and in tandem with industry, reduces costs while allowing strategic cost oversight of and insight into our requirements."

The medical coding program provides value to the patient and supports the AFMRA mission by playing an integral role in revenue generation, provider readiness currency, decision support, population health, and disability services. Lastly, these contracts enable AFMRA to enhance data transparency, improve timely and accurate capture of medical information, and improve medical reimbursements across the MHS enterprise.