

Coding for Success



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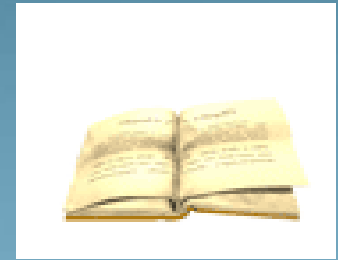


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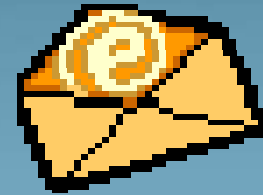
- **Practice Management/Assessment**
- **Billing Improvement Assessment**
- **Accounts Receivable Work Plan**
- **Coding, Compliance and Audits**
- **Education on Coding and Billing**



Education



- **Evaluation and Management Documentation**
 - **Understanding documentation guidelines**
- **Chart Audits**
 - **Coding and documentation reviews help optimize revenue and reduce risk**
- **Updated Information**
 - **Present up to the minute information about billing and documentation guidelines**



**When a letter from your
carrier arrives
telling you that you are
going to be audited, will
you be ready?**



What are some of the required documentation elements for E/M services?



Requirements for Levels

3 out of 3 required

OUTPATIENT	New Office/Consults/ER				
	Requires 3 components within shaded area				
History	PF ER: PF	EPF ER: EPF	D ER: EPF	C ER: D	C ER: C
Examination	PF ER: PF	EPF ER: EPF	D ER: EPF	C ER: D	C ER: C
Complexity of medical decision	SF ER: SL	SF ER: L	L ER: M	M ER: M	H ER: H
Average Time (minutes) (ER have no average time)	10 New (99201) 15 Outpt Cons (99241) 20 Inpt Cons (99251) ER (99281)	20 New (99202) 30 Outpt Cons (99242) 40 Inpt Cons (99252) ER (99282)	30 New (99203) 40 Outpt Cons (99243) 55 Inpt Cons (99253) ER (99281)	45 New (99204) 60 Outpt Cons (99244) 80 Inpt Cons (99254) ER (99284)	60 New (99205) 80 Outpt Cons (99245) 110 Inpt Cons (99251) ER (99281)



Requirements for Levels

2 out of 3 required

Established Office					
Requires 2 components within shaded area					
History	Minimal problem that may not require presence of physician	PF	EPF	D	C
Examination		PF	EPF	D	C
Complexity of medical decision		SF	L	M	H
Average Time (minutes) (Confirmatory consults & ER have no average time)	5 99211	10 99212	15 99213	25 99214	40 99215
Level	1	2	3	4	5



Inpatient Hospital

INPATIENT	Initial Hospital/Observation		
	Requires 3 components within shaded areas		
History	D or C	C	C
Examination	D or C	C	C
Complexity of medical decision	SF/L	M	H
Average time (minutes) Observation time has no average time	30 Intl hosp (99221) Observ care (99218)	50 Intl hosp (99222) Observ care (99219)	70 Intl hosp (99223) Observ care (99220)
Level	1	2	3

Subsequent Inpatient/Follow-up		
Requires 2 components within shaded areas		
PF interval	EPF Interval	D interval
PF	EPF	D
SF/L	M	H
15 Subsequent (99231) 10 FU consult (99261)	25 Subsequent (99232) 20 FU consult (99262)	35 Subsequent (99233) 30 FU consult (99263)
1	2	3



OIG Work Plan: Big Ticket Items



- **Usage of the 25 Modifier**
 - **In 2001 Medicare approved \$1.7 billion worth of claims**
- **National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) Edits- Usage of the 59 Modifier**
 - **In 2001 Medicare paid providers \$565 million for claims**



Compliance Programs

- **Implement written policies, procedures, and standards of conduct**
- **Designate a compliance officer and compliance committee**
- **Conduct effective training and education**
- **Develop effective lines of communication**
- **Conduct internal monitoring and auditing**
- **Respond promptly to detected offenses and developing corrective action**



THANK YOU!

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