E/M Service Documentation Provided By Students (Manual Update)

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PROVIDER TYPES AFFECTED

This MLN Matters Article is intended for teaching physicians billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

CR 10412 revises the Medicare Claims Processing Manual to allow the teaching physician to verify in the medical record any student documentation of components of E/M services, rather than re-documenting the work. Make sure your billing staffs are aware of the changes.

BACKGROUND

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is revising the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 12, Section 100.1.1, to update policy on Evaluation and Management (E/M) documentation to allow the teaching physician to verify in the medical record any student documentation of components of E/M services, rather than re-documenting the work. Students may document services in the medical record. However, the teaching physician must verify in the medical record all student documentation or findings, including history, physical exam and/or medical decision making. The teaching physician must personally perform (or re-perform) the physical exam and medical decision making activities of the E/M service being billed, but may verify any student documentation of them in the medical record, rather than re-documenting this work.
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION


If you have questions, your MACs may have more information. Find their website at http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list.

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