



Medical Review of Evaluation and Management (E/M) Documentation

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PROVIDER TYPE AFFECTED

This MLN Matters Article is intended for physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting Evaluation and Management (E/M) claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

Change Request (CR) 10627 establishes a new Section (6.8) in Chapter 6 of the “Medicare Program Integrity Manual” (Pub. 100-08), titled, “Medical Review of Evaluation and Management (E/M) Documentation.” Please make sure your billing staffs are aware of this new content.

BACKGROUND

CR10627 establishes Section 6.8 (Medical Review of Evaluation and Management (E/M) Documentation) with subsection 6.8.1 (Medical Review of E/M Documentation Provided by Student). These sections provide direction to Medicare’s medical review contractors on how to review claims where a medical student documented the E/M service. This is a follow-up instruction to CR10412 (published in February 2018), which allowed teaching physicians to verify a student’s E/M visit notes rather than re-documenting them.

Note: The MLN Matters® article based on CR10412 (MM10412) is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNMattersArticles/Downloads/MM10412.pdf>.

The new section of the “Medicare Program Integrity Manual” states the following:

The “Medicare Claims Processing Manual”, Chapter 12, Section 100.1.1 (B) states 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. If the teaching physician chooses to rely on the medical student documentation and chooses not to re-document the E/M services, contractors shall consider this requirement met if the teaching physician signs and dates the medical student's entry in the medical record."

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR10627, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2018Downloads/R808PI.pdf>.

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

DOCUMENT HISTORY

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