



Documentation of Medical Necessity of the Home Visit; and Physician Management Associated with Superficial Radiation Treatment

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PROVIDER TYPE AFFECTED

This MLN Matters article is for physicians and other providers billing Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for home visit services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

CR11273 removes the requirement that the medical record show a home visit was medically necessary instead of an office or outpatient visit. Also, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) added a new section to chapter 12 of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual regarding Evaluation and Management (E/M) codes that you may bill with superficial radiation treatment. Make your billing staff aware of these changes.

BACKGROUND

In CR11273, CMS removes the requirement that the medical record show a home visit was medically necessary instead of an office or outpatient visit from the Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 12, Section 30.6.14.1. Also, you may bill E/M codes (99211, 99212, and 99213) for levels I through III with modifier 25 when performed for the purpose of reporting physician work associated with radiation therapy planning, radiation treatment device construction, and radiation treatment management when performed on the same date of service as superficial radiation treatment delivery.

See Chapter 13, Section 70.2, of the Medicare Claims Processing Manual for information

regarding services bundled into treatment management codes.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The official instruction, CR11273, issued to your MAC regarding this change is available at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2019Downloads/R4339CP.pdf>.

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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