Home Care and Domiciliary Care Visits - Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Codes 99324 - 99350

Note: This article was updated on February 25, 2013, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

Physicians and non-physician practitioners (NPPs) billing Medicare carriers for Part B services

Provider Action Needed

STOP – Impact to You
This article is based on Change Request (CR) 4212, which provides CPT coding updates to CR3922. CR3922 is being implemented on December 5, 2005. New code changes by the American Medical Association’s (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) 2006 identify the correct Evaluation and Management (E/M) visit codes to report beginning January 2006.

CAUTION – What You Need to Know
The AMA CPT 2006 has created new codes to be used beginning January 2006, for visits provided in a domiciliary, rest home (e.g., boarding home), or custodial care setting and new codes to be used for visits in the skilled nursing facility (SNF) or nursing facility (NF) settings. A new code for an annual NF assessment has been added. The new domiciliary codes have typical/average times associated with them and therefore, reasonable and medically necessary, face-to-face prolonged services may be reported with the appropriate companion E/M visit
code. **Note:** The CPT codes 99321 – 99333 for Domiciliary, Rest Home (e.g., boarding home), or Custodial Care Services are deleted after December 31, 2005. The CPT codes 99301 – 99303 for Initial Nursing Facility Care Services and codes 99311 – 99313 for Subsequent Nursing Facility Care Services are deleted after December 31, 2005.

**GO – What You Need to Do**

See the **Background** section of this article for further details regarding these changes.

**Background**

These revisions are included in the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Pub. 100-04, Chapter 12, Section 30.6.14. Change Request (CR) 3922 (Transmittal 667, dated September 2, 2005, implementation date December 5, 2005) identifies the correct places of service and associated CPT codes to report for services through December 31, 2005, in the:

- Patient’s private residence;
- A domiciliary (or rest home, boarding home); and
- Nursing facility (both skilled and nursing facility).

CR4212 updates the previous instruction with the new AMA CPT 2006 codes to use beginning January 2006.

**Evaluation and Management (E/M) Services**

Beginning January 2006, physicians and qualified NPPs are to report medically necessary E/M services to residents residing in a facility that provides room, board, and other personal assistance services, generally on a long-term basis using the following new CPT codes:

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<td>Domiciliary, Rest Home (e.g., Boarding Home), or Custodial Care Services</td>
<td>99324 – 99328 (new patient visit) and 99334 – 99337 (established patient visit)</td>
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**Private Residence**

To report E/M services provided in a private residence of the patient, use the following CPT Codes:

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<td>Home Services</td>
<td>99341 – 99350</td>
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Note: The Home Services codes will not be used for Place of Service (POS) code 13 (assisted living) and POS code 14 (group home).

**Skilled Nursing Facility or Nursing Facility**

Beginning January 2006, physicians and qualified NPPs will report covered, medically necessary E/M services to residents residing in a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) or a Nursing Facility (NF) using the following new CPT Initial Nursing Facility Care codes for the initial visit and Subsequent Nursing Facility Care codes for a subsequent visit:

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<td>Initial Nursing Facility Care</td>
<td>99304 – 99306</td>
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<td>Subsequent Nursing Facility Care</td>
<td>99307 – 99310</td>
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**Annual Nursing Facility Assessment**

Physicians and qualified NPPs will use the following CPT code to report an annual nursing facility assessment, beginning January 2006:

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<td>Other Nursing Facility Services</td>
<td>99318</td>
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**Prolonged Services**

Beginning January 2006, the new CPT codes for Domiciliary, Rest Home (e.g., Boarding Home), or Custodial Care Services have typical/average times associated with them. Therefore, beginning January 2006, physicians and qualified NPPs may report reasonable and medically necessary and direct (face-to-face) prolonged services represented by CPT codes 99354 – 99355 with the appropriate CPT Domiciliary companion E/M code. All the requirements for prolonged services must be met.

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<td>Reasonable, Medically Necessary, and Direct (face-to-face) Prolonged Services</td>
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**Note:** Prolonged service performed and reported with the Domiciliary, Rest Home (e.g., Boarding Home), or Custodial Care Service visit code must meet the requirements for a prolonged service as defined in the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* (Pub. 100-04, Chapter 12, and Section 30.6.15.1).

**Additional Information**


If you have any questions, please contact your carrier at their toll-free number, which may be found at [http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html](http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html) on the CMS website.

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