

Corrections for Certified Billing and Coding Specialist (CBCS) Study Guide

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19	1	Updated image Encounter Form. 99212 Straightforward MDM – 10- 19 min 99213 Low MDM – 20- 29 min 99214 Moderate MDM – 30- 39 min 99215 High MDM – 40-45 min	2/5/2024
36	2	Updated image 2.9. “Total estimated patient responsibility” is \$350.00, not \$0.00.	3/9/2023
55	3	3.2 CPT Manual – At A Glance (continued) ... #5 80047-89398 0001U- 0222U 0354U Pathology & Laboratory ... 0042T – 0639T 0783T Category III Codes	3/9/2023
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57	3	<p>The level of E/M service reported must be supported by the amount of work documented in the medical record. Keep in mind the foundation of any service performed is medical necessity, not volume of documentation. The level of service performed is driven by the reason for the encounter and measured by the criteria of the code description. The criteria for many E/M codes are the levels of key component(s) documented.</p> <p>The requirements for E/M services vary based on the type of care. For example, preventive medicine code levels are based on the age of the patient. Other E/M code variables include requirements for time spent or components of care. For codes that are time-based, the time specified in the code description must be met and documented in the encounter note. Codes that are based on the level of medical decision making include a requirement for a medically appropriate history and/or examination. Office visit code requirements offer a choice between documentation of time or medical decision-making level. Emergency department services and nursing facility service codes require documentation of medical decision making.</p>	2/5/2024

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57	3	<p>Key Components</p> <p>History— subjective details about the patient’s condition. Elements of history (chief complaint, history of present illness, review of systems and past, family, and social history) are documented according to relevance to the encounter.</p> <p>For example, if a patient presents with reports of muffled hearing, their social history is taken because it could be a contributing factor if the patient is subjected to loud noises in their work environment.</p> <p>Examination— body areas or organ systems are examined as they relate to the chief complaint. The provider uses the findings to form objective assessments of the patient’s condition. The extent of the examination performed (if any) is determined by the provider for each encounter.</p> <p>Medical decision making (MDM)— the provider uses the history and exam components to determine a diagnosis or assess the patient’s current clinical status of a known diagnosis (e.g., exacerbation versus stable). The elements of MDM are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> problems addressed during the encounter. tests or other data ordered, reviewed, or analyzed during the encounter. the associated risk of the patients management decisions made during the encounter. <p>While the amount of history and examination performed, as well as the complexity of medical decision making by the physician, determines the level of code for most E/M codes, some subsections include time-based codes, or codes that can be either component or time-based with the determination made by the service provider.</p> <hr/> <p>Examples of E/M subsection requirements</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="456 1377 1049 1482"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="456 1398 610 1482">Time-based</th> <th data-bbox="610 1398 821 1482">Component-based</th> <th data-bbox="821 1398 1049 1482">Time or Component based</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="456 1503 610 1587">Critical care services</td> <td data-bbox="610 1503 821 1587">Hospital Observation Care</td> <td data-bbox="821 1503 1049 1587">Office or Other Outpatient Services</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Time-based	Component-based	Time or Component based	Critical care services	Hospital Observation Care	Office or Other Outpatient Services	2/5/2024
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69	3	<p>Challenge</p> <p>Match the description with the correct CPT modifier.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 26 A. Increased Procedural Service 22 B. Professional component 57 C. Decision for surgery 59 D. Distinct Procedural Service <p>1, B; 2, A; 3, CD; 4, DE</p>	2/18/2022																												
73	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPT category II code 3046F: Most recent hemoglobin A1c level greater than 9.0% CPT category II code 3044F: Most recent hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) level less than 7.0% CPT category II code 2089F: Most recent hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) level 7.0 to 9.0% CPT category II code 3051F: Most recent hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) level greater than or equal to 7.0% and less than 8.0% CPT category II code 3052F: Most recent hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c) level greater than or equal to 8.0% and less than or equal to 9.0% CPT category II code 3046F: Most recent hemoglobin A1c level greater than 9.0% 	3/9/2023																												

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90	4	<p>CHALLENGE</p> <p>Match the Medicare appeal level with the correct description.</p> <p>...</p> <p>1, D; 2, E; 3, A; 4, C; 5, B</p> <p>1, C; 2, B; 3, D; 4, A; 5, B</p>	10/2/2023
104	Case Studies	<p>CHALLENGE</p> <p>The patient has a \$35 copay, a remaining balance of \$50 on the annual deductible and the allowed charges for the biopsies will be \$425. Recall that the plan pays 80/20. Which of the following is the total patient responsibility for this encounter?</p> <p>A. \$85</p> <p>B. \$170</p> <p>C. \$510</p> <p>D. \$300</p> <p>B is correct. The total patient responsibility is \$170.00 for this encounter. The calculation is as follows: \$35 for the encounter copay, plus \$50 for the remaining deductible and \$85 for 20% coinsurance for the biopsies. \$85 is incorrect because the total includes only the copay and the remaining deductible. \$510 is incorrect because it adds the copay, remaining deductible and all of the allowed charges. \$300 is incorrect because the calculation is the 80% coinsurance the insurance will pay after the remaining deductible is subtracted.</p> <p>According to the scenario above, the patient has a \$35 copay, a remaining balance of \$50 on the annual deductible, and the allowed charges for the biopsies will be \$425. Recall that the plan pays 80/20 after the deductible has been applied to the charges. Which of the following is the total patient responsibility for this encounter?</p> <p>A: \$85</p> <p>B: \$160</p> <p>C: \$510</p> <p>D: \$300</p> <p>B is correct. The total patient responsibility is \$160.00 for this encounter. The calculation is as follows: \$35 for the encounter copay, plus \$50 for the remaining deductible and \$75 for 20% coinsurance for the biopsies. \$85 is incorrect because the total includes only the copay and the remaining deductible. \$510 is incorrect because it adds the copay, remaining deductible, and all of the allowed charges. \$300 is incorrect because the calculation is the 80% coinsurance the insurance will pay after the remaining deductible is subtracted.</p>	3/9/2023

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125	Coding Scenarios	<p>3. CPT codes: 99213-25; 72100; 11200</p> <p>ICD-10-CM codes: M54.50; L91.8</p> <p>HCPCS codes: L0627</p> <p>Journey:</p> <p>M54.50: Pain, low back</p> <p>L91.8: Tag, skin</p> <p>99213: Evaluation and Management, office and other outpatient visit, established patient</p> <p>72100: Radiology, diagnostic imaging, spine and pelvis</p> <p>11200: Skin, removal, skin tags</p> <p>L0627: Orthotic devices, lumbar</p>	3/9/2023
143-146	Quizzes	Numbering of Quiz 3 items corrected to begin at 1 instead of at 16.	4/22/22