



CPT® Code 99344 Details

Code Symbols

MIPS : Merit Based Incentive Payment System

Code Descriptor

Home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires these 3 key components:

- **A comprehensive history;**
- **A comprehensive examination; and**
- **Medical decision making of moderate complexity.**

Counseling and/or coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals, or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the patient's and/or family's needs.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of high severity. Typically, 60 minutes are spent face-to-face with the patient and/or family.

CPT® Advice

No data Available

Illustration

No data Available.

Fee Schedule

Medicare Physician Fee Schedules (MPFS)

Sources:	2019 National Physician Fee Schedule Relative Value File, GPCI19, NATIONAL PHYSICIAN FEE SCHEDULE RELATIVE VALUE FILE CALENDAR YEAR 2019, MCR-MUE-PractitionerServices
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Note: A value in "Medicare Fees" does not necessarily indicate payment. Scroll down to see Medicare's status on the code for coverage specifics. Medicare has assigned relative value units (RVUs) to codes the agency does not cover to allow payers that follow the resource based relative value system to have an agreed upon valuation rate.



Code Status A

A = Active Code. These codes are paid separately under the physician fee schedule, if covered. There will be RVUs for codes with this status. The presence of an "A" indicator does not mean that Medicare has made a national coverage determination regarding the service; carriers remain responsible for coverage decisions in the absence of a national Medicare policy.

Medicare Fees					
	National	Adjusted	26	TC	53
Facility	\$185.24	\$250.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Non Facility	\$185.24	\$250.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

RVU - Nonfacility					
	National	Adjusted	26	TC	53
Work RVU:	3.38	5.07	0.00	0.00	0.00
PE RVU:	1.53	1.71	0.00	0.00	0.00
Malpractice RVU:	0.23	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total RVU:	5.14	6.94	0.00	0.00	0.00

RVU - Facility					
	National	Adjusted	26	TC	53
Work RVU:	3.38	5.07	0.00	0.00	0.00
PE RVU:	1.53	1.71	0.00	0.00	0.00
Malpractice RVU:	0.23	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total RVU:	5.14	6.94	0.00	0.00	0.00

Global & Other Info	
	Global Split
Preoperative %:	0
Intraoperative %:	0
Postoperative %:	0
Total RVU:	0
Global Period (days):	XXX
XXX = The global concept does not apply to the code.	
Radiology Diagnostic Tests :	99
99 = Concept does not apply	
PC/TC Indicator :	0



0 = Physician Service Codes--Identifies codes that describe physician services. Examples include visits, consultations, and surgical procedures. The concept of PC/TC does not apply since physician services cannot be split into professional and technical components. Modifiers 26 and TC cannot be used with these codes. The RVUS include values for physician work, practice expense and malpractice expense. There are some codes with no work RVUs.

Endoscopic Base Code : None

Modifier Guidelines

	Modifier	Rules(Click on rules for Details)
MULT PROC	51	No multiple procedure payment adjustment
<p>51 = Multiple Procedures: When multiple procedures, other than E/M services, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation services or provision of supplies (eg, vaccines), are performed at the same session by the same provider, the primary procedure or service may be reported as listed. The additional procedure(s) or service(s) may be identified by appending modifier 51 to the additional procedure or service code(s). Note: This modifier should not be appended to designated "add-on" codes</p> <p>0 = No payment adjustment rules for multiple procedures apply. If procedure is reported on the same day as another procedure, base the payment on the lower of (a) the actual charge, or (b) the fee schedule amount for the procedure.</p>		
BILAT SURG	50	No 150% bilateral payment boost
<p>50 = Bilateral Procedure: Unless otherwise identified in the listings, bilateral procedures that are performed at the same operative session, should be identified by adding modifier 50 to the appropriate five digit code.</p> <p>0 = 150% payment adjustment for bilateral procedures does not apply. If procedure is reported with modifier -50 or with modifiers RT and LT, base the payment for the two sides on the lower of: (a) the total actual charge for both sides or (b) 100% of the fee schedule amount for a single code.</p>		
ASST SURG	80	Assistant payment allowed when supported
<p>80 = Assistant Surgeon: Surgical assistant services may be identified by adding modifier 80 to the usual procedure number(s).</p> <p>0 = Payment restriction for assistants at surgery applies to this procedure unless supporting documentation is submitted to establish medical necessity.</p>		
CO-SURG	62	Co-surgeons not permitted
<p>62 = Two Surgeons: When two surgeons work together as primary surgeons performing distinct part(s) of a procedure, each surgeon should report his/her distinct operative work by adding modifier 62 to the procedure code and any associated add-on code(s) for that procedure as long as both surgeons continue to work together as primary surgeons. Each surgeon should report the co-surgery once using the same procedure code. If additional procedure(s) (including add-on procedure(s) are performed during the same surgical session, separate code(s) may also be reported with modifier 62 added. Note: If a co-surgeon acts as an assistant in the performance of additional procedure(s) during the same surgical session, those services may be reported using separate procedure code(s) with modifier 80 or modifier 82 added, as appropriate.</p> <p>0 = Co-surgeons not permitted for this procedure.</p>		



TEAM SURG	66	Team surgeons not permitted
<p>66 = Surgical Team: Under some circumstances, highly complex procedures (requiring the concomitant services of several physicians, often of different specialties, plus other highly skilled, specially trained personnel, various types of complex equipment) are carried out under the "surgical team" concept. Such circumstances may be identified by each participating physician with the addition of modifier 66 to the basic procedure number used for reporting services.</p>		
<p>0 = Team surgeons not permitted for this procedure.</p>		
MINIMUM ASST SURG	81	Assistant payment allowed when supported.
<p>81 = Minimum Assistant Surgeon: Minimum surgical assistant services are identified by adding modifier 81 to the usual procedure number.</p>		
<p>0 = Payment restriction for assistants at surgery applies to this procedure unless supporting documentation is submitted to establish medical necessity.</p>		
ASST SURG (QUALIFIED RESI. NA)	82	Assistant payment allowed when supported.
<p>82 = Assistant Surgeon (when qualified resident surgeon not available): The unavailability of a qualified resident surgeon is a prerequisite for use of modifier 82 appended to the usual procedure code number(s)</p>		
<p>0 = Payment restriction for assistants at surgery applies to this procedure unless supporting documentation is submitted to establish medical necessity.</p>		
PHYSICIAN SUPERVISION	*PS	Concept does not apply.
<p>PS = This field is for use in post payment review.</p>		
<p>9 = Concept does not apply</p>		

Medically Unlikely Edits

Source: 2019 Medically Unlikely Edits (MUE)
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Services	MUE	MAI	MUE Rationale
Practitioner Services	1	2	Code Descriptor / CPT Instruction
DME Supplier Services	NA	NA	NA
Facility Outpatient Services	1	2	Code Descriptor / CPT Instruction

MAI 1: Line Edit

MUE MAI "1" indicates a claim line edit. When it's appropriate to report units that exceed the MUE, use one or more additional claim lines with an appropriate modifier appended to the code. Payers who apply the MUE will process each claim line separately for payment.

MAI 2: Date of Service Edit: Policy



MUE MAI "2" indicates an absolute date of service (DOS) edit based on policy. Payers who apply the MUE sum the code's same-DOS units (not counting lines with modifier 55). If the sum exceeds the MUE value, the payer will deny same-DOS lines with that code on the current claim. CMS has not identified any instances in which exceeding an MAI 2 MUE is correct.

MAI 3: Date of Service Edit: Clinical

MUE MAI "3" indicates a date of service (DOS) edit based on clinical benchmarks. Payers who apply the MUE sum the code's same-DOS units (not counting lines with modifier 55). If the sum exceeds the MUE value, the payer will deny same-DOS lines with that code on the current claim. MACs may pay excess units upon appeal or may bypass the MUE based on documentation of medical necessity.

LCD Details

LCD Details for 99344

The chosen state has no LCD for this code/title. Please search All States to see if another state has an LCD for this code/title.

Article Details for 99344

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NCD

No data available.

MEDICARE CCI

0 - Can NOT be billed under any circumstances
 1 - A CCI-associated modifier on the Col. 2 code will override the edit.

Col B Code	Reason Edit	Modifier Indicator
0362T	Misuse of column two code with column one code	1
0373T	Misuse of column two code with column one code	1
0469T	Misuse of column two code with column one code	0
36591	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	0
36592	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	0
43752	Misuse of column two code with column one code	1
80500	Standards of medical / surgical practice	0
80502	Standards of medical / surgical practice	0
90863	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	0



92002	More extensive procedure	0
92004	More extensive procedure	0
92012	More extensive procedure	0
92014	More extensive procedure	0
92227	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	1
92228	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	1
92531	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	0
92532	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	0
93561	Misuse of column two code with column one code	1
93562	Misuse of column two code with column one code	1
93792	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	1
93793	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	0
94002	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	0
94003	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	0
94004	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	0
94660	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	0
94662	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	0
95831	Standards of medical / surgical practice	0
95832	Standards of medical / surgical practice	0
95833	Standards of medical / surgical practice	0
95834	Standards of medical / surgical practice	0
95851	Standards of medical / surgical practice	0
95852	Standards of medical / surgical practice	0
96020	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	1
96105	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
96116	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	1
96125	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
96130	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1



96132	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
96136	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
96138	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
96146	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
96150	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	0
96151	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	0
96152	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	0
96153	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	0
96154	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	0
96360	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
96365	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
96369	Misuse of column two code with column one code	1
96372	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
96373	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
96374	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
96377	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
96401	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
96402	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
96405	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
96406	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
96409	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
96413	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
96416	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
96420	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
96422	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
96425	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
96440	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
96446	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1



96450	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
96523	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	0
97151	Misuse of column two code with column one code	1
97153	Misuse of column two code with column one code	1
97154	Misuse of column two code with column one code	1
97155	Misuse of column two code with column one code	1
97156	Misuse of column two code with column one code	1
97157	Misuse of column two code with column one code	1
97158	Misuse of column two code with column one code	1
97802	Misuse of column two code with column one code	0
97803	Misuse of column two code with column one code	0
97804	Misuse of column two code with column one code	0
99091	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	0
99172	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	0
99173	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	1
99174	Misuse of column two code with column one code	1
99177	Misuse of column two code with column one code	1
99341	HCPCS/CPT procedure code definition	0
99342	HCPCS/CPT procedure code definition	0
99343	HCPCS/CPT procedure code definition	0
99408	Standards of medical / surgical practice	0
99409	Standards of medical / surgical practice	0
99446	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	0
99447	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	0
99448	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	0
99449	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	0
99451	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	0
99452	CPT Manual or CMS manual coding instructions	0



99605	Misuse of column two code with column one code	1
99606	Misuse of column two code with column one code	1
G0102	Standards of medical / surgical practice	0
G0117	Standards of medical / surgical practice	0
G0118	Standards of medical / surgical practice	0
G0179	HCPCS/CPT procedure code definition	1
G0180	HCPCS/CPT procedure code definition	1
G0245	Standards of medical / surgical practice	0
G0246	Standards of medical / surgical practice	0
G0248	Misuse of column two code with column one code	1
G0250	Misuse of column two code with column one code	1
G0270	Misuse of column two code with column one code	0
G0271	Misuse of column two code with column one code	0
G0396	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
G0397	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
G0442	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
G0443	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
G0444	More extensive procedure	1
G0445	More extensive procedure	1
G0446	More extensive procedure	1
G0447	More extensive procedure	1
G0459	Standards of medical / surgical practice	0
G0473	More extensive procedure	1
G0498	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1
G2011	Standards of medical / surgical practice	1

HCPCS Crossref

G0079 : Comprehensive (60 minutes) care management home visit for a new patient. for use only in a medicare-approved cmmi model. (services must be furnished within a beneficiary's home, domiciliary, rest home, assisted



living and/or nursing facility)

G0299 : Direct skilled nursing services of a registered nurse (RN) in the home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes

G0300 : Direct skilled nursing services of a license practical nurse (LPN) in the home health or hospice setting, each 15 minutes

G9481 : Remote in-home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient for use only in a medicare-approved cms innovation center demonstration project, which requires these 3 key components: a problem focused history; a problem focused examination; and straightforward medical decision making, furnished in real time using interactive audio and video technology. counseling and coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the needs of the patient or the family or both. usually, the presenting problem(s) are self limited or minor. typically, 10 minutes are spent with the patient or family or both via real time, audio and video intercommunications technology

G9482 : Remote in-home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient for use only in a medicare-approved cms innovation center demonstration project, which requires these 3 key components: an expanded problem focused history; an expanded problem focused examination; straightforward medical decision making, furnished in real time using interactive audio and video technology. counseling and coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the needs of the patient or the family or both. usually, the presenting problem(s) are of low to moderate severity. typically, 20 minutes are spent with the patient or family or both via real time, audio and video intercommunications technology

G9483 : Remote in-home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient for use only in a medicare-approved cms innovation center demonstration project, which requires these 3 key components: a detailed history; a detailed examination; medical decision making of low complexity, furnished in real time using interactive audio and video technology. counseling and coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the needs of the patient or the family or both. usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate severity. typically, 30 minutes are spent with the patient or family or both via real time, audio and video intercommunications technology

G9484 : Remote in-home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient for use only in a medicare-approved cms innovation center demonstration project, which requires these 3 key components: a comprehensive history; a comprehensive examination; medical decision making of moderate complexity, furnished in real time using interactive audio and video technology. counseling and coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the needs of the patient or the family or both. usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate to high severity. typically, 45 minutes are spent with the patient or family or both via real time, audio and video intercommunications technology

G9485 : Remote in-home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient for use only in a medicare-approved cms innovation center demonstration project, which requires these 3 key components: a comprehensive history; a comprehensive examination; medical decision making of high complexity, furnished in real time using interactive audio and video technology. counseling and coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the needs of the patient or the family or both. usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate to high severity. typically, 60 minutes are spent with the patient or family or both via real time, audio and video intercommunications technology

G9978 : Remote in-home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient for use only in a Medicare-approved Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Advanced (BPCI Advanced) model episode of care, which requires these 3 key components: A problem focused history; A problem focused examination; and Straightforward medical decision making, furnished in real time using interactive audio and video technology. Counseling and coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the needs of the patient or the family or both. Usually, the presenting problem(s) are self limited or minor. Typically, 10 minutes are spent with the patient or family or both via real time, audio and video intercommunications technology.

G9979 : Remote in-home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient for use only in a Medicare-approved Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Advanced (BPCI Advanced) model episode of care, which



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G9980 : Remote in-home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient for use only in a Medicare-approved Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Advanced (BPCI Advanced) model episode of care, which requires these 3 key components: A detailed history; A detailed examination; Medical decision making of low complexity, furnished in real time using interactive audio and video technology. Counseling and coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the needs of the patient or the family or both. Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate severity. Typically, 30 minutes are spent with the patient or family or both via real time, audio and video intercommunications technology.

G9981 : Remote in-home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient for use only in a Medicare-approved Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Advanced (BPCI Advanced) model episode of care, which requires these 3 key components: A comprehensive history; A comprehensive examination; Medical decision making of moderate complexity, furnished in real time using interactive audio and video technology. Counseling and coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the needs of the patient or the family or both. Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate to high severity. Typically, 45 minutes are spent with the patient or family or both via real time, audio and video intercommunications technology.

G9982 : Remote in-home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient for use only in a Medicare-approved Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Advanced (BPCI Advanced) model episode of care, which requires these 3 key components: A comprehensive history; A comprehensive examination; Medical decision making of high complexity, furnished in real time using interactive audio and video technology. Counseling and coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the needs of the patient or the family or both. Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate to high severity. Typically, 60 minutes are spent with the patient or family or both via real time, audio and video intercommunications technology.

G9983 : Remote in-home visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient for use only in a Medicare-approved Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Advanced (BPCI Advanced) model episode of care, which requires at least 2 of the following 3 key components: A problem focused history; A problem focused examination; Straightforward medical decision making, furnished in real time using interactive audio and video technology. Counseling and coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the needs of the patient or the family or both. Usually, the presenting problem(s) are self limited or minor. Typically, 10 minutes are spent with the patient or family or both via real time, audio and video intercommunications technology.

G9984 : Remote in-home visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient for use only in a Medicare-approved Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Advanced (BPCI Advanced) model episode of care, which requires at least 2 of the following 3 key components: An expanded problem focused history; An expanded problem focused examination; Medical decision making of low complexity, furnished in real time using interactive audio and video technology. Counseling and coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the needs of the patient or the family or both. Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of low to moderate severity. Typically, 15 minutes are spent with the patient or family or both via real time, audio and video intercommunications technology.

G9985 : Remote in-home visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient for use only in a Medicare-approved Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Advanced (BPCI Advanced) model episode of care, which requires at least 2 of the following 3 key components: A detailed history; A detailed examination; Medical decision making of moderate complexity, furnished in real time using interactive audio and video technology. Counseling and coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the needs of the patient or the family or both. Usually,



the presenting problem(s) are of moderate to high severity. Typically, 25 minutes are spent with the patient or family or both via real time, audio and video intercommunications technology.

G9986 : Remote in-home visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient for use only in a Medicare-approved Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Advanced (BPCI Advanced) model episode of care, which requires at least 2 of the following 3 key components: A comprehensive history; A comprehensive examination; Medical decision making of high complexity, furnished in real time using interactive audio and video technology. Counseling and coordination of care with other physicians, other qualified health care professionals or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the needs of the patient or the family or both. Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate to high severity. Typically, 40 minutes are spent with the patient or family or both via real time, audio and video intercommunications technology.

G9987 : Bundled Payments for Care Improvement Advanced (BPCI Advanced) model home visit for patient assessment performed by clinical staff for an individual not considered homebound, including, but not necessarily limited to patient assessment of clinical status, safety/fall prevention, functional status/ambulation, medication reconciliation/management, compliance with orders/plan of care, performance of activities of daily living, and ensuring beneficiary connections to community and other services; for use only for a BPCI Advanced model episode of care; may not be billed for a 30-day period covered by a transitional care management code.

G2001 : Brief (20 minutes) in-home visit for a new patient post-discharge. For use only in a Medicare-approved CMMI model. (Services must be furnished within a beneficiary's home, domiciliary, rest home, assisted living and/or nursing facility within 90 days following discharge from an inpatient facility and no more than 9 times.)

G2002 : Limited (30 minutes) in-home visit for a new patient post-discharge. For use only in a Medicare-approved CMMI model. (Services must be furnished within a beneficiary's home, domiciliary, rest home, assisted living and/or nursing facility within 90 days following discharge from an inpatient facility and no more than 9 times.)

G2003 : Moderate (45 minutes) in-home visit for a new patient post-discharge. For use only in a Medicare-approved CMMI model. (Services must be furnished within a beneficiary's home, domiciliary, rest home, assisted living and/or nursing facility within 90 days following discharge from an inpatient facility and no more than 9 times.)

G2004 : Comprehensive (60 minutes) in-home visit for a new patient post-discharge. For use only in a Medicare-approved CMMI model. (Services must be furnished within a beneficiary's home, domiciliary, rest home, assisted living and/or nursing facility within 90 days following discharge from an inpatient facility and no more than 9 times.)

G2005 : Extensive (75 minutes) in-home visit for a new patient post-discharge. For use only in a Medicare-approved CMMI model. (Services must be furnished within a beneficiary's home, domiciliary, rest home, assisted living and/or nursing facility within 90 days following discharge from an inpatient facility and no more than 9 times.)

G2014 : Limited (30 minutes) care plan oversight. For use only in a Medicare-approved CMMI model. (Services must be furnished within a beneficiary's home, domiciliary, rest home, assisted living and/or nursing facility within 90 days following discharge from an inpatient facility and no more than 9 times.)

G2015 : Comprehensive (60 mins) home care plan oversight. For use only in a Medicare-approved CMMI model. (Services must be furnished within a beneficiary's home, domiciliary, rest home, assisted living and/or nursing facility within 90 days following discharge from an inpatient facility.)

Modifier Crossref

25 : Significant, Separately Identifiable Evaluation and Management Service by the Same Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional on the Same Day of the Procedure or Other Service

33 : Preventive Services

57 : Decision for Surgery

80 : Assistant Surgeon

81 : Minimum Assistant Surgeon

82 : Assistant Surgeon (when qualified resident surgeon not available)

99 : Multiple Modifiers

AF : Specialty physician

AG : Primary physician

AK : Non participating physician

AQ : Physician providing a service in an unlisted health professional shortage area (hpsa)



AS : Physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist services for assistant at surgery
CR : Catastrophe/disaster related
ET : Emergency services
GA : Waiver of liability statement issued as required by payer policy, individual case
GC : This service has been performed in part by a resident under the direction of a teaching physician
GJ : "opt out" physician or practitioner emergency or urgent service
GR : This service was performed in whole or in part by a resident in a department of veterans affairs medical center or clinic, supervised in accordance with va policy
GV : Attending physician not employed or paid under arrangement by the patient's hospice provider
GW : Service not related to the hospice patient's terminal condition
HC : Adult program, geriatric
KX : Requirements specified in the medical policy have been met
PD : Diagnostic or related non diagnostic item or service provided in a wholly owned or operated entity to a patient who is admitted as an inpatient within 3 days
Q5 : Service furnished under a reciprocal billing arrangement by a substitute physician; or by a substitute physical therapist furnishing outpatient physical therapy services in a health professional shortage area, a medically underserved area, or a rural area
Q6 : Service furnished under a fee-for-time compensation arrangement by a substitute physician; or by a substitute physical therapist furnishing outpatient physical therapy services in a health professional shortage area, a medically underserved area, or a rural area
QJ : Services/items provided to a prisoner or patient in state or local custody, however the state or local government, as applicable, meets the requirements in 42 cfr 411.4 (b)
TH : Obstetrical treatment/services, prenatal or postpartum

CPT® Lay Terms

When selecting an E/M service level for a new patient home visit, there are three key components that must be met in order to report the code appropriately. These components are in addition to the medical necessity for performing the procedure(s).

Clinical Responsibility

For CPT® code 99344, the provider spends an average of 60 minutes face-to-face with a new patient.

A new patient is defined as a patient who has never seen the physician or qualified healthcare practitioner of the same specialty in the same group practice billing under the same group number or has not seen the physician or qualified healthcare practitioner of the same specialty in the same group practice for the past 36 months.

There must be three of three key components met to support the service level.

Tips

Three key components that need to be satisfied are:

1. A comprehensive history
2. A comprehensive examination
3. Medical decision making of moderate complexity



Note: Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of high severity.

The appropriate E/M service level is based on the medical necessity of performing the key components and also reviewing documentation of the key E/M criteria of the history, exam, and medical decision-making, MDM, elements.

Use time as the controlling factor to report an office and/or other outpatient visit if more than 50% of the total visit time is comprised of counseling and coordination of care.

Report a separate and significant E/M service on the same day as another service or procedure. In most of these cases, it is appropriate to append a modifier to the E/M service code.

Additional Info

E/M Terms Easy Reference Guide:

CC: Chief Complaint: According to the CPT® manual, this is a concise statement, usually in the patient's words, explaining the main reason for the appointment. Look for a symptom, problem, condition, or diagnosis.

Dx: Diagnosis

Hx: History

HPI: History of Present Illness: These eight areas contribute to determining HPI:

Location is the place on the patient's body where the symptoms exist (the lower back, for instance).

Context is what the patient was doing when the problem occurred (such as patient had lower back pain after standing on his feet all day).

Quality represents the chief complaint or signs or symptoms. So if a patient reports with a sharp pain in her shoulder, sharp is the quality.

Timing is the time of day the patient experienced the signs and symptoms. If the notes say, pain after standing for long periods, last two weeks, then after standing for long periods is the timing.

Severity shows just how serious the patient's condition is. Physicians often show severity in their notes with a scale of 1, representing the least painful, to 10, representing the most painful.

Duration is how long the patient's signs and symptoms have been present (for instance, patient has had sharp/severe shoulder pain, lasting three weeks).

Modifying factors are what the patient did herself to alleviate pain — or exacerbate the symptoms (for example, patient's low back pain was worsened by continuing to stand for long periods or pain improved when patient sat for 15–20 minutes).

Associated signs and symptoms are any other problems the patient has in addition to the chief complaint (such as blurred vision, an associated symptom of migraines).

For most upper-level E/M codes, the physician must cover and document in the HPI documentation a minimum of four of these points.

MDM: Medical Decision Making: After gathering information, the physician or qualified healthcare practitioner must decide what to do. That thinking process, which takes into account risk factors, is MDM.



PFSH: Past Family and Social History

Past history can be medical history, surgical history, and other personal history.

Family history includes medical events in the patient's family line, such as hereditary diseases that put the patient at risk.

Social history reviews the individual's past and current activities. Smoking history, alcohol history, sexual history, a whole lot of things get thrown in there, experts say.

ROS: Review of Systems: An ROS is an inventory of body systems or symptoms about which the provider asks the patient, to help the physician establish a diagnosis.

CPT® breaks the body into these systems:

Constitutional symptoms, eyes, ears, nose, mouth, and throat, cardiovascular, respiratory, gastrointestinal, genitourinary, musculoskeletal, integumentary, skin and/or breasts, neurologic, psychiatric, endocrine, hematologic/lymphatic, allergic/immunologic.

CPT® Guidelines

Section Specific Guideline

The following codes are used to report evaluation and management services provided in a home. Home may be defined as a private residence, temporary lodging, or short term accommodation (eg, hotel, campground, hostel, or cruise ship). For definitions of key components and commonly used terms, please see Evaluation and Management Services Guidelines. (For care plan oversight services provided to a patient in the home under the care of a home health agency, see 99374, 99375, and for hospice agency, see 99377, 99378. For care plan oversight provided to a patient under hospice or home health agency care, see 99339, 99340)

Upcoming and Historical Information

01-01-2013	Code Changed
Previous Descriptor	
Home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires these 3 key components: A comprehensive history; A comprehensive examination; and Medical decision making of moderate complexity. Counseling and/or coordination of care with other providers or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the patient's and/or family's needs. Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of high severity. Physicians typically spend 60 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family.	
01-01-2008	Code Changed
Previous Descriptor	



Home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires these three components: A comprehensive history; A comprehensive examination; and Medical decision making of moderate complexity. Counseling and/or coordination of care with other providers or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the patient's and/or family's needs. Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of high severity. Physicians typically spend 60 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family.

01-01-2007

Code Changed

Previous Descriptor

Home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires these three components: a comprehensive history; a comprehensive examination; and medical decision making of moderate complexity. Counseling and/or coordination of care with other providers or agencies are provided consistent with the nature of the problem(s) and the patient's and/or family's needs. Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of high severity. Physicians typically spend 60 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family.

01-01-1998

Code Added