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## **GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION**

1. **PRIMARY CARE:** Primary care is first-contact care, the type furnished to individuals when they enter the health care system. Primary care is comprehensive in that it deals with a wide range of health problems, diagnosis and modes of treatment. Primary care is continuous in that an ongoing relationship is established with the primary care practitioner who monitors and provides the necessary follow-up care and is coordinated by linking patients with more varied specialized services when needed. Consultations and care provided on referral from another practitioner is not considered primary care.
2. **CLASSIFICATION OF EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT (E/M) SERVICES:** The Federal Health Care Finance Administration has mandated that all state Medicaid programs utilize the new Evaluation and Management coding as published in the American Medical Association's Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology.

For the first time, a major section has been devoted entirely to E/M services. The new codes are more than a clarification of the old definitions; they represent a new way of classifying the work of practitioners. In particular, they involve far more clinical detail than the old visit codes. For this reason, it is important to treat the new codes as a new system and not make a one-for-one substitution of a new code number for a code number previously used to report a level of service defined as "brief", "limited", "intermediate", etc.

The E/M section is divided into broad categories such as office visits, hospital visits and consultations. Most of the categories are further divided into two or more subcategories of E/M services. For example, there are two subcategories of office visits (new patient and established patient) and there are two subcategories of hospital visits (initial and subsequent). The subcategories of E/M services are further classified into levels of E/M services that are identified by specific codes. This classification is important because the nature of practitioner work varies by type of service, place of service, and the patient's status.

The basic format of the levels of E/M services is the same for most categories. First, a unique code number is listed. Second, the place and/or type of service is specified, eg, office consultation. Third, the content of the service is defined, eg, comprehensive history and comprehensive examination. (See levels of E/M services following for details on the content of E/M services.) Fourth, the nature of the presenting problem(s) usually associated with a given level is described. Fifth, the time typically required to provide the service is specified.

3. **DEFINITIONS OF COMMONLY USED E/M TERMS:** Certain key words and phrases are used throughout the E/M section. The following definitions are intended to reduce the potential for differing interpretations and to increase the consistency of reporting.

**NEW AND ESTABLISHED PATIENT:** Solely for the purpose of distinguishing between new and established patients, professional services are those face-to-face services rendered by a physician and reported by a specific code. A new patient is one who has not received any professional services from the practitioner or practitioners working in the same specialty within the same group within the past three years. An established patient is one who has received professional services from the practitioner within the past three years.

In the instance where a practitioner is on call for or covering for another practitioner, the patient's encounter will be classified as it would have been by the practitioner who is not available.

No distinction is made between new and established patients in the emergency department. E/M services in the emergency department category may be reported for any new or established patient who presents for treatment in the emergency department.

**CHIEF COMPLAINT:** A concise statement describing the symptom, problem, condition, diagnosis or other factor that is the reason for the encounter, usually stated in the patient's words.

**CONCURRENT CARE:** is the provision of similar services, eg, hospital visits, to the same patient by more than one practitioner on the same day. When concurrent care is provided, no special reporting is required. Modifier -75 has been deleted.

**COUNSELING:** Counseling is a discussion with a patient and/or family concerning one or more of the following areas:

- diagnostic results, impressions, and/or recommended diagnostic studies;
- prognosis;
- risks and benefits of management (treatment) options;
- instructions for management (treatment) and/or follow-up;
- importance of compliance with chosen management (treatment) options;
- risk factor reduction; and
- patient and family education.

**FAMILY HISTORY:** A review of medical events in the patient's family that includes significant information about:

- the health status or cause of death of parents, siblings, and children;
- specific diseases related to problems identified in the Chief Complaint or History of the Present Illness, and/or System Review;
- diseases of family members which may be hereditary or place the patient at risk.

**HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS:** A chronological description of the development of the patient's present illness from the first sign and/or symptom to the present. This includes a description of location, quality, severity, timing, context, modifying factors and associated signs and symptoms significantly related to the presenting problem(s).

**NATURE OF PRESENTING PROBLEM:** A presenting problem is a disease, condition, illness, injury, symptom, sign, finding, complaint, or other reason for encounter, with or without a diagnosis being established at the time of the encounter. The E/M codes recognize five types of presenting problems that are defined as follows:

- Minimal - A problem that may not require the presence of the practitioner, but service is provided under the practitioner's supervision.
- Self-limited or Minor - A problem that runs a definite and prescribed course, is transient in nature and is not likely to permanently alter health status OR has a good prognosis with management/compliance.
- Low severity - A problem where the risk of morbidity without treatment is low; there is little to no risk of mortality without treatment; full recovery without functional impairment is expected.
- Moderate severity - A problem where the risk of morbidity without treatment is moderate; there is moderate risk of mortality without treatment; uncertain prognosis OR increased probability of prolonged functional impairment.
- High severity - A problem where the risk of morbidity without treatment is high to extreme; there is a moderate to high risk of mortality without treatment OR high probability of severe, prolonged functional impairment.

**PAST HISTORY:** A review of the patient's past experiences with illnesses, injuries, and treatments that includes significant information about:

- prior major illnesses and injuries;
- prior operations;
- prior hospitalizations;
- current medications;
- allergies (eg, drug, food);
- age appropriate immunization status;
- age appropriate feeding/dietary status.

**SOCIAL HISTORY:** An age appropriate review of past and current activities that include significant information about:

- marital status and/or living arrangements;
- current employment;
- occupational history;
- use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco;
- level of education;
- sexual history;
- other relevant social factors.

**SYSTEM REVIEW (REVIEW OF SYSTEMS):** An inventory of body systems obtained through a series of questions seeking to identify signs and/or symptoms which the patient may be experiencing or has experienced. The following elements of a system review have been identified:

- Constitutional symptoms (fever, weight loss, etc.)
- Eyes
- Ears, Nose, Mouth, Throat
- Cardiovascular

- Respiratory
- Gastrointestinal
- Genitourinary
- Musculoskeletal
- Integumentary (skin and/or breast)
- Neurological
- Psychiatric
- Endocrine
- Hematologic/Lymphatic
- Allergic/Immunologic

The review of systems helps define the problem, clarify the differential diagnoses, identify needed testing, or serves as baseline data on other systems that might be affected by any possible management options.

TIME: The inclusion of time in the definitions of levels of E/M services has been implicit in prior editions. The inclusion of time as an explicit factor beginning in 1992 is done to assist practitioners in selecting the most appropriate level of E/M services. It should be recognized that the specific times expressed in the visit code descriptors are averages, and therefore represent a range of times which may be higher or lower depending on actual clinical circumstances.

Time is **not** a descriptive component for the emergency department levels of E/M services because emergency department services are typically provided on a variable intensity basis, often involving multiple encounters with several patients over an extended period of time. Therefore, it is often difficult for practitioners to provide accurate estimates of the time spent face-to-face with the patient.

Intra-service times are defined as **face-to-face** time for office and other outpatient visits and as **unit/floor** time for hospital or other inpatient visits. This distinction is necessary because most of the work of typical office visits takes place during the face-to-face time with the patient, while most of the work of typical hospital visits takes place during the time spent on the patient's floor or unit.

- A. **Face-to-face time (eg. office and other outpatient visits, office consultations and all psychiatry procedures):** For coding purposes, face-to-face time for these services is defined as only that time that the practitioner spends face-to-face with the patient and/or family. This includes the time in which the practitioner performs such tasks as obtaining a history, performing an examination, and counseling the patient.

Practitioners also spend time doing work before or after the face-to-face time with the patient, performing such tasks as reviewing records and tests, arranging for further services, and communicating further with other professionals and the patient through written reports and telephone contact.

This non face-to-face time for office services - also called pre- and post-encounter time- is **not included** in the time component described in the E/M codes. However, the pre- and post face-to-face work associated with an encounter was included in calculating the total work of typical services.

Thus, the face-to-face time associated with the services described by any E/M code is a valid proxy for the total work done before, during, and after the visit.

- B. **Unit/floor time (hospital observation services, inpatient hospital care, initial and follow-up hospital consultations, nursing facility):** For reporting purposes, intra-service time for these services is defined as unit/floor time, which includes the time that the practitioner is present on the patient's hospital unit and at the bedside rendering services for that patient. This includes the time in which the practitioner establishes and/or reviews the patient's chart, examines the patient, writes notes and communicates with other professionals and the patient's family.

In the hospital, pre- and post-time includes time spent off the patient's floor performing such tasks as reviewing pathology and radiology findings in another part of the hospital. This pre- and post-visit time is not included in the time component described in these codes. However, the pre- and post-work performed during the time spent off the floor or unit was included in calculating the total work of typical services.

Thus, the unit/floor time associated with the services described by any code is a valid proxy for the total work done before, during, and after the visit.

- 4A. **LEVELS OF E/M SERVICES:** Within each category or subcategory of E/M service, there are three to five levels of E/M services available for reporting purposes. Levels of E/M services are not interchangeable among the different categories or subcategories of service. For example, the first level of E/M services in the subcategory of office visit, new patient, does not have the same definition as the first level of E/M services in the subcategory of office visit, established patient.

The levels of E/M services include examinations, evaluations, treatments, conferences with or concerning patients, preventive pediatric and adult health supervision, and similar medical services such as the determination of the need and/or location for appropriate care. Medical screening includes the history, examination, and medical decision-making required to determine the need and/or location for appropriate care and treatment of the patient (eg office and other outpatient setting, emergency department, nursing facility, etc.). The levels of E/M services encompass the wide variations in skill, effort, time, responsibility and medical knowledge required for the prevention or diagnosis and treatment of illness or injury and the promotion of optimal health.

The descriptors for the levels of E/M services recognize seven components, six of which are used in defining the levels of E/M services. These components are: history; examination; medical decision making; counseling; coordination of care; nature of presenting problem; and time.

The first three of these components (history, examination and medical decision making) are considered the **key** components in selecting a level of E/M services.

The next three components (counseling, coordination of care, and the nature of the presenting problem) are considered **contributory** factors in the majority of encounters. Although the first two of these contributory factors are important E/M services, it is not required that these services be provided at every patient encounter. The final component, time, has already been discussed in detail.

The actual performance of diagnostic tests/studies for which specific codes are available is **not** included in the levels of E/M services. Practitioner performance of diagnostic tests/studies for which specific codes are available should be reported separately, in addition to the appropriate E/M code.

**4B. INSTRUCTIONS FOR SELECTING A LEVEL OF E/M SERVICE:**

- i. IDENTIFY THE CATEGORY AND SUBCATEGORY OF SERVICE: Select from the categories and subcategories of codes available for reporting E/M services.
- ii. REVIEW THE REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SELECTED CATEGORY OR SUBCATEGORY: Most of the categories and many of the subcategories of service have special guidelines or instructions unique to that category or subcategory. Where these are indicated, eg, 'Hospital Care', special instructions will be presented preceding the levels of E/M services.
- iii. REVIEW THE LEVEL OF E/M SERVICE DESCRIPTORS AND EXAMPLES IN THE SELECTED CATEGORY OR SUBCATEGORY: The descriptors for the levels of E/M services recognize seven components, six of which are used in defining the levels of E/M services. These components are: history, examination, medical decision making, counseling, coordination of care, nature of presenting problem, and time.

The first three of these components (ie, history, examination and medical decision making) should be considered the key components in selecting the level of E/M services. An exception to this rule is in the case of visits which consist predominantly of counseling or coordination of care (See vii.C.).

The nature of the presenting problem and time are provided in some levels to assist the physician in determining the appropriate level of E/M service.

- iv. DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF HISTORY OBTAINED: The levels of E/M services recognize four types of history that are defined as follows:
  - Problem Focused -- chief complaint; brief history of present illness or problem.
  - Expanded Problem Focused -- chief complaint; brief history of present illness; problem pertinent system review.
  - Detailed -- chief complaint; extended history of present illness; problem pertinent system review extended to include review of a limited number of additional systems; pertinent past, family and/or social history directly related to the patient's problems.



- Comprehensive -- chief complaint; extended history of present illness; review of systems which is directly related to the problem(s) identified in the history of the present illness plus a review of all additional body systems; complete past, family and social history.

The comprehensive history obtained as part of the preventive medicine evaluation and management service is not problem-oriented and does not involve a chief complaint of present illness. It does, however, include comprehensive system review and comprehensive or interval past, family and social history as well as a comprehensive assessment/history of pertinent risk factors.

- v. DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF EXAMINATION PERFORMED: The levels of E/M services recognize four types of examination that are defined as follows:
- Problem Focused -- a limited examination of the affected body area or organ system.
  - Expanded Problem Focused -- a limited examination of the affected body area or organ system and other symptomatic or related organ system(s).
  - Detailed -- an extended examination of the affected body area(s) and other symptomatic or related organ system(s).
  - Comprehensive -- a general multi-system examination or a complete examination of a single organ system. **Note:** The comprehensive examination performed as part of the preventive medicine evaluation and management service is multi-system, but its extent is based on age and risk factors identified.

For the purpose of these definitions, the following body areas are recognized: head, including the face; neck; chest, including breasts and axilla; abdomen; genitalia, groin, buttocks; back and each extremity.

For the purposes of these definitions, the following organ systems are recognized: eyes; ears, nose, mouth and throat; cardiovascular; respiratory; gastrointestinal; genitourinary; musculoskeletal, skin, neurologic, psychiatric, hematologic, lymphatic, immunologic.

- vi. DETERMINE THE COMPLEXITY OF MEDICAL DECISION MAKING: Medical decision making refers to the complexity of establishing a diagnosis and/or selecting a management option as measured by:
- the number of possible diagnoses and/or the number of management options that must be considered;
  - the amount and/or complexity of medical records, diagnostic tests, and/or other information that must be obtained, reviewed and analyzed; and
  - the risk of significant complications, morbidity and/or mortality, as well as comorbidities, associated with the patient's presenting problem(s), the diagnostic procedure(s) and/or the possible management options.

Four types of medical decision making are recognized: straightforward; low complexity; moderate complexity; and, high complexity. To qualify for a given type of decision making, two of the three elements in the table following must be met or exceeded:

Number of diagnoses or management options	Amount and/or complexity of data to be reviewed	Risk of complications and/or morbidity or mortality	Type of decision making
Minimal	Minimal or None	Minimal	Straight Forward
Limited	Limited	Low	Low Complexity
Multiple	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate Complexity
Extensive	Extensive	High	High Complexity

Comorbidities/underlying diseases, in and of themselves, are not considered in selecting a level of E/M services unless their presence significantly increases the complexity of the medical decision making.

vii. SELECT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF E/M SERVICES BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- a. For the following categories/subcategories, **ALL OF THE KEY COMPONENTS** (ie, history, examination, and medical decision making), must meet or exceed the stated requirements to qualify for a particular level of E/M service: office, new patient; hospital observation services; initial hospital care; office consultations; initial
- b. For the following categories/subcategories, **TWO OF THE THREE KEY COMPONENTS** (ie, history, examination, and medical decision making) must meet or exceed the stated requirements to qualify for a particular level of E/M services: office, established patient; subsequent hospital care; follow-up consultations, other than office; subsequent nursing facility care; domiciliary care, established patient; and home, established patient.
- c. In the case where counseling and/or coordination of care dominates (more than 50%) of the physician/patient and/or family encounter (face-to-face time in the office or other outpatient setting or floor/unit time in the hospital or nursing facility), then **time** is considered the key or controlling factor to qualify for a particular level of E/M services. This includes time spent with parties who have assumed responsibility for the care of the patient or decision making whether or not they are family members (eg, foster parents, person acting in locum parentis, legal guardian). The extent of counseling and/or coordination of care must be documented in the medical record.

NOTE: CLINICAL EXAMPLES: Clinical examples of the codes for E/M services are provided to assist practitioners in understanding the meaning of the descriptors and selecting the correct code.

The same problem, when seen by physicians in different specialties, may involve different amounts of work. Therefore, the appropriate level of encounter should be reported using the descriptor rather than the examples.

5. **SPECIALIST FEES:** A specialist shall be paid a specialist's fee if the services provided are within the field of his specialty, and only if he is registered with the New York State Department of Health in a specialty recognized by that Department. Specialists rendering primary care services as defined in Rule 1, may bill primary care office visit codes as appropriate.
6. **FAMILY PLANNING CARE:** In accordance with approval received by the State Director of the Budget, effective July 1, 1973 in the Medicaid Program, all family planning services are to be reported on claims using appropriate MMIS code numbers listed in this fee schedule in combination with modifier '-FP'.

This reporting procedure will assure to New York State the higher level of federal reimbursement which is available when family planning services are provided to Medicaid patients (90% instead of 50% for other medical care). It will also provide the means to document conformity with mandated federal requirements on provision of family planning services.

7. **BY REPORT:** A service that is rarely provided, unusual, variable, or new may require a special report in determining medical appropriateness of the service. Pertinent information should include an adequate definition or description of the nature, extent, and need for the procedure, and the time, effort, and equipment necessary to provide the service. Additional items which may be included are: complexity of symptoms, final diagnosis, pertinent physical findings (such as size, locations, and number of lesion(s), if appropriate), diagnostic and therapeutic procedures (including major supplementary surgical procedures, if appropriate), concurrent problems, and follow-up care.

When the value of a procedure is to be determined "By Report" (BR), information concerning the nature, extent and need for the procedure or service, the time, the skill and the equipment necessary, is to be furnished. Appropriate documentation (eg, operative report, procedure description, and/or itemized invoices) should accompany all claims submitted.

Itemized invoices must document acquisition cost, the line item cost from a manufacturer or wholesaler net of any rebates, discounts or other valuable considerations.

8. **SEPARATE PROCEDURE:** Certain of the listed procedures are commonly carried out as an integral part of a total service, and as such do not warrant a separate charge. When such a procedure is carried out as a separate entity, not immediately related to other services, the indicated value for "Separate Procedure" is applicable.
9. **MATERIALS SUPPLIED BY PHYSICIAN:** Supplies and materials provided by the physician, eg, sterile trays/drugs, **over and above** those usually included with the procedure(s), office visit or other services rendered may be listed separately. List drugs, trays, supplies and materials provided. Identify as 99070 or specific supply code.

Reimbursement for supplies and materials (including drugs, vaccines and immune globulins) furnished by practitioners to their patients is based on the acquisition cost to the practitioner. For all items furnished in this fashion it is expected that the practitioner will maintain auditable records of the actual itemized invoice cost represented on the invoice. New York State Medicaid does not intend to pay more than the acquisition cost, as established by invoice, to the practitioner. Regardless of whether an invoice must be submitted to Medicaid for payment, the practitioner is expected to limit his or her Medicaid claim amount to the actual invoice cost of the item provided.

- 10 **EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES (outpatient or inpatient):** Evaluation and management fees do not apply to preoperative consultations or follow-up visits as designated in accordance with the surgical fees listed in the SURGERY section of the State Medical Fee Schedule.

For additional information on the appropriate circumstances governing the billing of the hospital visit procedure codes see **PHYSICIAN SERVICES PROVIDED IN HOSPITALS**.

- 11 **CRITICAL CARE:** Represents extraordinary care by the attending physician in personal attendance in the care of a medical emergency, both directing and personally administering specific corrective measures after initial examination had determined the nature of the ailment. See codes 99291, 99292. **NOTE: Report Required for 99292.**
12. **PRIOR APPROVAL:** Payment for those listed procedures where the MMIS code number is underlined is dependent upon obtaining the approval of the Department of Health prior to performance of the procedure. If such prior approval is not obtained, no reimbursement will be made.
13. **FEES:** The fees are listed in the Physician-Medicine Fee Schedule, available at <http://www.emedny.org/ProviderManuals/index.html>

## **MMIS MEDICINE MODIFIERS**

Under certain circumstances, the procedure code identifying a specific procedure or service must be expanded by two additional characters to further define or explain the nature of the procedure.

The circumstances under which such further description is required are detailed below along with the appropriate modifiers to be added to the basic code when the particular circumstance applies.

If more than one modifier is required, the "multiple modifier" code should be added to the basic procedure code number and other applicable modifiers shall be listed as part of the service description.

- 24 Unrelated Evaluation and Management Service by the Same Practitioner During a Postoperative Period:  
The practitioner may need to indicate that an evaluation and management service was performed during a postoperative period for a reason(s) unrelated to the original procedure. This circumstance may be reported by adding the modifier -24 to the appropriate level of E/M service. (Reimbursement will not exceed 100% of the maximum State Medical Fee Schedule amount.)
- 25 Significant, Separately Identifiable Evaluation and Management Service by the Same Practitioner on the Day of a Procedure: (Effective 10/1/92) The practitioner may need to indicate that on the day a procedure or service identified by an MMIS code was performed, the patient's condition required a significant, separately identifiable E/M service above and beyond the usual preoperative and postoperative care associated with the procedure that was performed. The E/M service may be prompted by the symptom or condition for which the procedure and/or service was provided. As such, different diagnoses are not required for reporting of the E/M services on the same date. This circumstance may be reported by adding the modifier -25 to the appropriate level of E/M service. **NOTE:** This modifier is not used to report an E/M service that resulted in a decision to perform surgery. (Reimbursement will not exceed 100% of the maximum State Medical Fee Schedule amount.)
- 26 Professional Component: Certain procedures are a combination of a physician component and a technical component. When the physician component is reported separately, the service may be identified by adding the modifier –26 to the usual procedure number. (Reimbursement will not exceed 40% of the maximum State Medical Fee Schedule amount.)
- 50 Bilateral Procedure: Unless otherwise identified in the listings, bilateral medical procedures and surgical procedures requiring a separate incision that are performed at the same operative session, or bilateral x-ray examinations should be identified by the appropriate procedure code describing the first procedure. To indicate a bilateral procedure was done add modifier -50 to the procedure number. (Reimbursement will not exceed 150% of the maximum State Medical Fee Schedule amount for medicine and surgery services or 160% of the maximum State Medical Fee Schedule amount for radiology services. One claim line is to be billed representing the bilateral procedure. Amount billed should reflect total amount due.)

- 77 Repeat Procedure By Another Physician (or Practitioner): The physician may need to indicate that a basic procedure or service performed by another physician had to be repeated. This situation may be reported by adding modifier -77 to the repeated service. (Reimbursement will not exceed 100% of the maximum State Medical Fee Schedule amount.)
- 79 Unrelated Procedure or Service by the Same Practitioner During the Postoperative Period: The practitioner may need to indicate that the performance of a procedure or service during the postoperative period was unrelated to the original procedure. This circumstance may be reported by using the modifier -79 to the related procedure. (Reimbursement will not exceed 100% of the maximum State Medical Fee Schedule amount.)
- AJ Clinical Social Worker: To report services of a Certified Social Worker (CSW) under the direct supervision of an employing psychiatrist, modifier –AJ should be added to the appropriate procedure code listed below. (Reimbursement will not exceed the indicated amount.) 90804 (\$13.50), 90806 (\$27.00), 90846 (\$7.20), 90847 (\$7.20), 90849 (\$7.20), 90853 (\$7.20), 90857 (\$7.20).
- AQ Physician Providing a Service in an Unlisted Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA)
- EP Child/Teen Health Program (EPSDT Program): Service provided as part of the Medicaid Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program or Child/Teen Health Program will be identified by adding the modifier -EP to the usual procedure number. (Reimbursement will not exceed 100% of the maximum State Medical Fee Schedule amount.)
- FP Service Provided as Part of Family Planning Program: All Family Planning Services will be identified by adding the modifier -FP to the usual procedure code number. (Reimbursement will not exceed 100% of the maximum State Medical Fee Schedule amount.)
- LT Left Side: (Used to identify procedures performed on the left side of the body). Add modifier –LT to the usual procedure code number. (Reimbursement will not exceed 100% of the maximum State Medical Fee Schedule amount. One claim line should be billed.) **(Use modifier –50 when both sides done at same operative session.)**
- RT Right Side: (Used to identify procedures performed on the right side.) Add modifier –RT to the usual procedure code number. (Reimbursement will not exceed 100% of the maximum State Medical Fee Schedule amount. One claim line should be billed.) **(Use modifier –50 when both sides done at same operative session.)**

## **EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

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.

## **OFFICE OR OTHER OUTPATIENT SERVICES**

The following codes are used to report evaluation and management services provided in the **practitioners office or in an outpatient or other ambulatory facility**. A patient is considered an outpatient until inpatient admission to a health care facility occurs. When claiming for Evaluation and Management procedure codes 99201-99205 and 99211-99215 Office or Other Outpatient Services, report the place of service code that represents the location where the service was rendered in claim form field 24B Place of Service. **The maximum reimbursable amount for these codes is dependent on the Place of Service reported.**

For Evaluation and Management services rendered in the practitioners private office, report place of service "11". The Maximum Fee for Office Evaluation and Management services is \$30.00. For services rendered in a Hospital Outpatient setting report place of service "22". For the Maximum Fee for codes 99201-99205 and 99211-99215 in a Hospital Outpatient setting see pages 62 - 109.

For services provided by practitioners in the Emergency Department, see 99281-99285. **For services provided to hospital inpatients, see Hospital Services 99221-99239.**

To report services provided to a patient who is admitted to a hospital or nursing facility in the course of an encounter in the office or other ambulatory facility, see the notes for initial hospital inpatient care or comprehensive nursing facility assessments.

For observation care, see 99217-99220.

For observation or inpatient care services (including admission and discharge services), see 99234-99236.

## NEW PATIENT

99201 Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires these three key components: a problem focused history, a problem focused examination, and straightforward medical decision making.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are self limited or minor. Practitioners typically spend 10 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family.

### **For example:**

Office or other outpatient visit with a 65-year-old male for reassurance about an isolated seborrheic keratosis on the upper back.

Office visit with a 10-year-old male with severe rash and itching for the past 24 hours, positive history for contact with poison oak 48 hours prior to the visit.

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Office visit with an out-of-town visitor who needs a prescription refilled because she forgot her hay fever medication.

Office visit to advise for or against the removal of wisdom teeth, 18-year-old male referred by an orthodontist.

Visit with 9-month-old female with diaper rash.

Initial office visit with 5-year-old female to remove sutures from simple wound, placed by another physician.

- 99202 Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires these three key components: an expanded problem focused history, an expanded problem focused examination, and straightforward medical decision making.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of low to moderate severity. Practitioners typically spend 20 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family.

**For example:**

Initial office visit, 16-year-old male with severe cystic acne, new patient.

Initial evaluation and management of recurrent urinary infection in female.

Initial office evaluation for gradual hearing loss, 58-year-old male, history and physical examination, with interpretation of complete audiogram, air bone, etc.

Initial office visit with 10-year-old girl with history of chronic otitis media and a draining ear.

- 99203 Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires these three key components: a detailed history, a detailed examination, and medical decision making of low complexity.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate severity. Practitioners typically spend 30 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family.

**For example:**

Office visit for initial evaluation of a 48-year-old man with recurrent low back pain radiating to the leg.

Initial office evaluation of 49-year-old male with nasal obstruction. Detailed exam with topical anesthesia.

Initial office evaluation for diagnosis and management of painless gross hematuria in new patient, without cystoscopy.

Initial office visit for evaluation of 13-year-old female with progressive scoliosis.

Initial office visit with couple for counseling concerning voluntary vasectomy for sterility. Spent 30 minutes discussing procedure, risks and benefits, and answering questions.



99204 Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires these three key components: a comprehensive history, a comprehensive examination, and medical decision making of moderate complexity.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate to high severity. Practitioners typically spend 45 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family.

**For example:**

Office visit for initial evaluation of a 63-year-old male with chest pain on exertion.

Initial office visit of a 50-year-old female with progressive solid food dysphagia.

Initial office evaluation of a 70-year-old patient with recent onset of episodic confusion.

Initial office visit for 7-year-old female with juvenile diabetes mellitus, new to area, past history of hospitalization times three.

Initial office evaluation of 70-year-old female with polyarthralgia.

Initial office evaluation of 50-year-old male with an aortic aneurysm with respect to recommendation for surgery.

99205 Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient which requires these three key components: a comprehensive history, a comprehensive examination, and medical decision making of high complexity.

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

**For example:**

Initial office evaluation of a 65-year-old female with exertional chest pain, intermittent claudication, syncope and a murmur of aortic stenosis.

Initial office evaluation and management of patient with systemic vasculitis and compromised circulation to the limbs.

Initial office visit for a 73-year-old male with an unexplained 20-pound weight loss.

Initial office visit for a 24-year-old homosexual male who has a fever, a cough, and shortness of breath.

Initial office evaluation, patient with systemic lupus erythematosus, fever, seizures and profound thrombocytopenia.

Initial outpatient evaluation of a 69-year-old male with severe chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, congestive heart failure, and hypertension.

ESTABLISHED PATIENT

The following codes are used to report the evaluation and management services provided to established patients who present for follow-up and/or periodic reevaluation of problems or for the evaluation and management of new problem(s) in established patients.

- 99211 Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient, that may not require the presence of a physician.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are minimal. Typically, 5 minutes are spent performing or supervising these services.

**For example:**

Office visit with 19-year-old male, established patient, for supervised urine drug screen.

Office visit with 31-year-old female, established patient, for return to work certificate.

Office visit with 12-year-old male, established patient, for cursory check of hematoma one day after venipuncture.

- 99212 Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient, which requires at least two of these three key components: a problem focused history, a problem focused examination, and/or straightforward medical decision making.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are self limited or minor. Practitioners typically spend 10 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family.

**For example:**

Office visit, established patient, 6-year-old child with sore throat and headache.

Office visit, sore throat, fever and fatigue in 19-year-old college student.

Office evaluation for possible purulent bacterial conjunctivitis with 1-2 day history of redness and discharge, 16-year-old female patient.

Office visit with 33-year-old female, established patient, recently started on treatment for hemorrhoidal complaints, for reevaluation.

Office visit with 65-year-old female, established patient, returns for 3-week follow-up for resolving severe ankle sprain.

Office visit with 36-year-old male, established patient, for follow-up on effectiveness of medical management of oral candidiasis.

- 99213 Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient, which requires at least two of these three key components: an expanded problem focused history, an expanded problem focused examination, and/or medical decision making of low complexity.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of low to moderate severity. Practitioners typically spend 15 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family. **continued**

**For example:**

Follow-up visit with 55-year-old male for management of hypertension, mild fatigue, on beta blocker/thiazide regimen.

Follow-up office visit for an established patient with stable cirrhosis of the liver.

Office visit with 31-year-old male, established patient, who is 3 years post total colectomy for chronic ulcerative colitis, presents for increased irritation at his stoma.

Routine, follow-up office evaluation at a three-month interval for a 77-year-old female with nodular small cleaved-cell lymphoma.

Follow-up visit for a 70-year-old diabetic hypertensive patient with recent change in insulin requirement.

Quarterly follow-up office visit for a 45-year-old male, with stable chronic asthma, on steroid and bronchodilator therapy.

Office visit with 80-year-old female established patient, for follow-up osteoporosis, status post compression fractures.

- 99214 Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient, which requires at least two of these three key components: a detailed history, a detailed examination, and/or medical decision making of moderate complexity.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate to high severity. Practitioners typically spend 25 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family.

**For example:**

Office visit for a 68-year-old male with stable angina, two months post myocardial infarction, who is not tolerating one of his medications.

Office evaluation of 28-year-old patient with regional enteritis, diarrhea and low grade fever, established patient.

Weekly office visit for 5FU therapy for an ambulatory established patient with metastatic colon cancer and increasing shortness of breath.

Office visit with 50-year-old female, established patient, diabetic, blood sugar controlled by diet. She now complains of frequency of urination and weight loss, blood sugar of 320 and negative ketones on dipstick.

Follow-up office visit for a 60-year-old male whose post-traumatic seizures have disappeared on medication, and who now raises the question of stopping the medication.

Follow-up office visit for a 45-year-old patient with rheumatoid arthritis on gold, methotrexate, or immuno-suppressive therapy.

Office evaluation on new onset RLQ pain in a 32-year-old woman, established patient.

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Office visit with 63-year-old female, established patient, with familial polyposis, after a previous colectomy and sphincter sparing procedure, now with tenesmus, mucus, and increased stool frequency.

- 99215 Office or other outpatient visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient, which requires at least two of these three key components: a comprehensive history, a comprehensive examination, and/or medical decision making of high complexity.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate to high severity. Practitioners typically spend 40 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family.

**For example:**

Office visit with 30-year-old male, established patient for 3 month history of fatigue, weight loss, intermittent fever, and presenting with diffuse adenopathy and splenomegaly.

Office evaluation and discussion of treatment options for a 68-year-old male with biopsy-proven rectal carcinoma.

Office visit for restaging of an established patient with new lymphadenopathy one year post therapy for lymphoma.

Follow-up office visit for a 65-year-old male with a fever of recent onset while on outpatient antibiotic therapy for endocarditis.

Office visit for evaluation of recent onset syncopal attacks in a 70-year-old woman, established patient.

Follow-up office visit for a 75-year-old patient with ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), who is no longer able to swallow.

Follow-up visit, 40-year-old mother of 3, with acute rheumatoid arthritis, anatomical Stage 3, ARA function Class 3 rheumatoid arthritis, and deteriorating function.

### **HOSPITAL OBSERVATION SERVICES**

The following codes are used to report evaluation and management services provided to patients designated/admitted as "observation status" in a hospital. It is not necessary that the patient be located in an observation area designated by the hospital. If such an area does exist in a hospital (as a separate unit in the hospital, in the emergency department, etc.), these codes are to be utilized if the patient is placed in such an area.

Typical times have not yet been established for this category of services.

### **OBSERVATION CARE DISCHARGE SERVICES**

Observation care discharge of a patient from "observation status" includes final examination of the patient, discussion of the hospital stay, instructions for continuing care, and preparation of discharge records. For observation or inpatient hospital care including the admission and discharge of the patient on the same date, see codes 99234-99236 as appropriate.

99217 Observation care discharge day management (This code is to be utilized by the practitioner to report all services provided to a patient on discharge from "observation status" if the discharge is on other than the initial date of "observation status". To report services to a patient designated as "observation status" or "inpatient status" and discharged on the same date, use the codes for Observation or Inpatient Care Services (99234-99236))

**INITIAL OBSERVATION CARE - NEW OR ESTABLISHED PATIENT**

The following codes are used to report the encounter(s) by the supervising practitioner with the patient when designated as "observation status." This refers to the initiation of observation status, supervision of the care plan for observation and performance of periodic reassessments. For observation encounters by other physicians, see Inpatient Consultation codes (99251-99255).

To report services provided to a patient who is admitted to the hospital after receiving hospital observation care services on the same date, see the notes for initial hospital inpatient care. For a patient admitted to the hospital on a date subsequent to the date of observation status, the hospital admission would be reported with the appropriate initial hospital care codes (99221-99223). For a patient admitted and discharged from observation or inpatient status on the same date, the services should be reported with codes 99234-99236 as appropriate. Do not report observation discharge (99217) in conjunction with the hospital admission.

When "observation status" is initiated in the course of an encounter in another site of service (e.g., hospital emergency department, physician's office, nursing facility) all evaluation and management services provided by the supervising physician in conjunction with initiating "observation status" are considered part of the initial observation care when performed on the same date. The observation care level of service reported by the supervising physician should include the services related to initiating "observation status" provided in the other sites of service as well as in the observation setting. Evaluation and Management services on the same date provided in sites that are related to initiating "observation status" should NOT be reported separately.

These codes may not be utilized for post-operative recovery if the procedure is considered a part of the surgical "package". These codes apply to all Evaluation and Management services that are provided on the same date of initiating "observation status."

99218 Initial observation care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient which requires these three key components: a detailed or comprehensive history, a detailed or comprehensive examination and medical decision making that is straightforward or of low complexity.

Usually the problem(s) requiring admission to "observation status" are of low severity.

99219 Initial observation care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires these three key components: a comprehensive history, a comprehensive examination, and medical decision making of moderate complexity.

Usually, the problem(s) requiring admission to "observation status" are of moderate severity.

99220 Initial observation care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires these three key components: a comprehensive history, a comprehensive examination, and medical decision making of high complexity.

Usually, the problem(s) requiring admission to "observation status" are of high severity.

### **HOSPITAL INPATIENT SERVICES**

The following codes are used to report evaluation and management services provided to **HOSPITAL INPATIENTS**. For Hospital Observation Services, see 99218-99220. For a patient admitted and discharged from observation or inpatient status on the same date, the services should be reported with codes 99234-99236 as appropriate. For services rendered in a hospital outpatient setting, see procedure codes 99201-99215 Office or Other Outpatient Services.

### **INITIAL HOSPITAL CARE - NEW OR ESTABLISHED PATIENT**

The following codes are used to report the first hospital inpatient encounter with the patient by the admitting practitioner. For initial inpatient encounters by practitioners other than the admitting practitioner, see initial inpatient consultation codes (99251-99255) or subsequent hospital care codes (99231-99233) as appropriate.

99221 Initial hospital care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient which requires these three key components: a detailed or comprehensive history, a detailed or comprehensive examination, and medical decision making that is straightforward or of low complexity.

Usually, the problem(s) requiring admission are of low severity. Practitioners typically spend 30 minutes at the bedside and on the patient's hospital floor or unit.

#### **For example:**

Hospital admission, examination, and initiation of treatment program for a 67-year-old male with an uncomplicated pneumonia who requires IV antibiotic therapy.

Hospital admission for a 12-year-old with a laceration of the upper eyelid involving the lid margin and superior canaliculus, admitted prior to surgery for IV antibiotic therapy.

Hospital admission for an 18-month-old child with 10 percent dehydration.

Hospital admission for a 32-year-old female with severe flank pain, hematuria and presumed diagnosis of ureteral calculus as determined by ED (Emergency Department) physician.

99222 Initial hospital care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires these three key components: a comprehensive history, a comprehensive examination, and medical decision making of moderate complexity.

Usually, the problem(s) requiring admission are of moderate severity. Practitioners typically spend 50 minutes at the bedside and on the patient's hospital floor or unit.

**For example:**

Hospital admission, young adult patient, failed previous therapy and now presents in acute asthmatic attack.

Hospital admission for a 50-year-old with left lower quadrant abdominal pain and increased temperature, but without septic picture.

Hospital admission of a 62-year-old smoker, established patient, with bronchitis in acute respiratory distress.

Hospital admission, examination, and initiation of treatment program for a 66-year-old chronic hemodialysis patient with fever and a new pulmonary infiltrate.

Hospital admission, examination, and initiation of a treatment program for a 65-year-old female with new onset of right-sided paralysis and aphasia.

Hospital admission for a 3-year-old with high temperature, limp and painful hip motion of 18 hours duration.

99223 Initial hospital care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires these three key components: a comprehensive history, a comprehensive examination, and medical decision making of high complexity.

Usually, the problem(s) requiring admission are of high severity. Practitioners typically spend 70 minutes at the bedside and on the patient's hospital floor or unit.

**For example:**

Hospital admission, examination, and initiation of a treatment program for a previously unknown 58-year-old male who presents with acute chest pain.

Hospital admission for a 78-year-old female with left lower lobe pneumonia and a history of coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure, osteoarthritis and gout.

Hospital admission, examination, and initiation of induction chemotherapy for a 42-year-old patient with newly diagnosed acute myelogenous leukemia.

Hospital admission, examination, and initiation of treatment program for a 65-year-old immuno-suppressed male with confusion, a fever, and a headache.

Hospital admission following a motor vehicle accident for a 24-year-old male with fracture dislocation of C5-6; neurologically intact.

Hospital admission for a 9-year-old with vomiting, dehydration, fever, tachypnea and an admitting diagnosis of diabetic ketoacidosis.

## **SUBSEQUENT HOSPITAL CARE**

All levels of subsequent hospital care include reviewing the medical record and reviewing the results of diagnostic studies and changes in the patient's status, (i.e., changes in history, physical condition and response to management) since the last assessment by the practitioner.

- 99231 Subsequent hospital care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires at least two of these three key components: a problem focused interval history, a problem focused examination, and/or medical decision making that is straightforward or of low complexity.

Usually, the patient is stable, recovering or improving. Practitioners typically spend 15 minutes at the bedside and on the patient's hospital floor or unit.

**For example:**

Follow-up hospital visit for a 50-year-old male with uncomplicated myocardial infraction who is clinically stable and without chest pain.

Follow-up hospital visit for now stable 33-year-old male, status post lower gastrointestinal bleeding.

Follow-up hospital visit for a stable 72-year-old lung cancer patient undergoing a five day course of infusion chemotherapy.

Follow-up visit on third day of hospitalization for a 60-year-old female recovering from an uncomplicated pneumonia.

Follow-up hospital visit, two days post admission for a 65-year-old male with a CVA (cerebral vascular accident) and left hemiparesis, who is clinically stable.

Follow-up hospital visit for a 3-year-old patient in traction for a congenital dislocation of the hip.

- 99232 Subsequent hospital care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires at least two of these three key components: an expanded problem focused interval history, an expanded problem focused examination, and/or medical decision making of moderate complexity. Usually, the patient is responding inadequately to therapy or has developed a minor complication. Practitioners typically spend 25 minutes at the bedside and on the patient's hospital floor or unit

**For example:**

Follow-up hospital visit for a 54-year-old patient, post MI (myocardial infraction), who is out of the CCU (coronary care unit) but is now having frequent premature ventricular contractions on telemetry.

Follow-up hospital visit for 81-year-old male with abdominal distention, nausea, and vomiting.

Follow-up hospital visit for a patient with neutropenia, a fever responding to antibiotics and continued slow gastrointestinal bleeding on platelet support.

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Follow-up hospital care for a 62-year-old female with congestive heart failure, who remains dyspneic, and febrile.

Follow-up hospital visit for a 50-year-old male admitted two days ago for sub-acute renal allograft rejection.

Follow-up hospital visit for a 73-year-old female with recently diagnosed lung cancer, who complains of unsteady gait.

Follow-up hospital visit for a 35-year-old drug addict, not responding to initial antibiotic therapy for pyelonephritis.

99233 Subsequent hospital care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires at least two of these three key components: a detailed interval history, a detailed examination, and/or medical decision making of high complexity.

Usually, the patient is unstable or has developed a significant complication or a significant new problem. Practitioners typically spend 35 minutes at the bedside and on the patient's hospital floor or unit.

**For example:**

Follow-up hospital visit for a 60-year-old female, 4 days post uncomplicated inferior myocardial infarction who has developed severe chest pain, dyspnea, diaphoresis and nausea.

Subsequent hospital visit for a 65-year-old female post-op resection of abdominal aortic aneurysm, with suspected ischemic bowel.

Follow-up hospital visit for a patient with AML (acute myelogenous leukemia), fever, elevated white count and uric acid, undergoing induction chemotherapy.

Follow-up hospital visit for a 60-year old female with persistent leukocytosis and a fever seven days after a sigmoid colon resection for carcinoma

Follow-up hospital visit for a 38-year-old quadriplegic male with acute autonomic hyperreflexia, who is not responsive to initial care.

Follow-up hospital visit for a chronic renal failure patient on dialysis, who develops chest pain, shortness of breath and new onset of pericardial friction rub.

**OBSERVATION OR INPATIENT CARE SERVICES (INCLUDING ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE SERVICES)**

The following codes are used to report observation or inpatient hospital care services provided to patients admitted and discharged on the same date of service. When a patient is admitted to the hospital from observation status on the same date, the physician should report only the initial hospital care code. The initial hospital care code reported by the admitting physician should include the services related to the observation status services he/she provided on the same date of inpatient admission.

When “observation status” is initiated in the course of an encounter in another site of service (e.g., hospital emergency department, physician’s office, nursing facility) all evaluation and management services provided by the supervising physician in conjunction with initiating “observation status” are considered part of the initial observation care when performed on the same date. The observation care level of service should include the services related to initiating “observation status” provided in the other sites of service as well as in the observation setting when provided by the same practitioner.

For patients admitted to observation or inpatient care and discharged on a different date, see codes 99218-99220 and 99217, or 99221-99223 and 99238-99239.

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 problems requiring admission are of low severity.

99234 Observation or inpatient hospital care, for the evaluation and management of a patient including admission and discharge on the same date which requires these three key components: a detailed or comprehensive history; a detailed or comprehensive examination; and medical decision making that is straightforward or of low complexity.

Usually the presenting problem(s) requiring admission are of low severity.

99235 Observation or inpatient hospital care, for the evaluation and management of a patient including admission and discharge on the same date which requires these three key components: a comprehensive history; a comprehensive examination; and medical decision making of moderate complexity.

Usually the presenting problem(s) requiring admission are of moderate severity.

99236 Observation or inpatient hospital care, for the evaluation and management of a patient including admission and discharge on the same date which requires these three key components: a comprehensive history; a comprehensive examination; and medical decision making of high complexity.

Usually the presenting problem(s) requiring admission are of high severity.

### **HOSPITAL DISCHARGE SERVICES**

The hospital discharge day management codes are to be used to report the total duration of time spent by a practitioner for final hospital discharge of a patient. The codes include, as appropriate, final examination of the patient, discussion of the hospital stay, even if the time spent by the practitioner on that date is not continuous, instructions for continuing care to all relevant caregivers, and preparation of discharge records, prescriptions and referral forms. For a patient admitted and discharged from observation or inpatient status on the same date, the services should be reported with codes 99234-99236 as appropriate.

99238 Hospital discharge day management; 30 minutes or less

99239 more than 30 minutes

(These codes are to be utilized by the practitioner to report all services provided to a patient on the date of discharge, if other than the initial date of inpatient status. To report services to a patient who is admitted as an inpatient, and discharged on the same date, see codes 99234-99236 for observation or inpatient hospital care including the admission and discharge of the patient on the same date. To report concurrent care services provided by a practitioner(s) other than the attending practitioner, use subsequent hospital care codes (99231-99233) on the day of discharge.)

(For Observation Care Discharge, use 99217)

(For discharge services provided to newborns admitted and discharged on the same date, use 99463)

(For Nursing Facility Care Discharge, see 99315, 99316)

(For observation or inpatient hospital care including the admission and discharge of the patient on the same date, see 99234-99236)

### **CONSULTATIONS (BY SPECIALISTS)**

A consultation is a type of service provided by a physician whose opinion or advice regarding evaluation and/or management of a specific problem is requested by another physician or other appropriate source.

A physician consultant may initiate diagnostic and/or therapeutic services at the same or subsequent visit.

The request for a consultation from the attending physician or other appropriate source and the need for consultation must be documented in the patient's medical record. The consultant's opinion and any services that were ordered or performed must also be documented in the patient's medical record and communicated by written report to the requesting physician or other appropriate source.

A "consultation" initiated by a patient and/or family is not reported using the consultation codes, but may be reported using the codes for visits, as appropriate.

Any specifically identifiable procedure (i.e., identified with a specific procedure code) performed on or subsequent to the date of the initial consultation should be reported separately.

If subsequent to the completion of a consultation, the consultant assumes responsibility for management of a portion or all of the patient's condition(s), the consultation codes should not be used. In the hospital setting, the consulting physician should use the appropriate initial hospital care code for the initial encounter and subsequent hospital care codes (not follow-up consultation codes). In the office setting, the appropriate established patient code should be used.

There are two subcategories of consultations: office and initial inpatient consultation (other than office), See each subcategory for specific reporting instructions.

**OFFICE OR OTHER OUTPATIENT CONSULTATION - NEW OR ESTABLISHED PATIENT**

The following codes are used to report consultations provided in the **physician's office or in an outpatient or other ambulatory facility, including hospital observation services, home services, domiciliary, rest home, custodial care, or emergency department (see consultation definition, above)**. When reporting procedure codes 99241-99245 with a place of service **office**, reimbursement will not exceed 120% of the Maximum State Medical Fee Schedule amount. Follow-up visits in the consultant's office or other outpatient facility that are initiated by the physician consultant are reported using office visit codes for established patients (99211-99215). If an additional request for an opinion or advice regarding the same or a new problem is received from the attending physician and documented in the medical record, the office consultation codes may be used again.

Follow-up visits in the consultant's office that are initiated by the physician consultant are reported using office visit codes for established patients (99211-99215). If an additional request for an opinion or advice regarding the same or a new problem is received from the attending physician or other appropriate source and documented in the medical record, the office consultation codes may be used again.

99241 Office or other outpatient consultation for a new or established patient, which requires these three key components: a problem focused history, a problem focused examination, and straightforward medical decision making.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are self limited or minor. Physicians typically spend 15 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family.

**For example:**

Office consultation with 25-year-old postpartum female with severe symptomatic hemorrhoids.

Office consultation with 58-year-old male, referred for follow-up creatinine level and evaluation of obstructive uropathy, relieved two months ago.

99242 Office or other outpatient consultation for a new or established patient, which requires these three key components: an expanded problem focused history, an expanded problem focused examination, and straightforward medical decision making.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of low severity. Physicians typically spend 30 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family.

**For example:**

Office consultation for management of systolic hypertension in a 70-year-old male scheduled for elective prostate resection.

Office consultation with 66-year-old female with wrist and hand pain, and finger numbness, secondary to suspected carpal tunnel syndrome.

Office consultation with 27-year-old female, with old amputation, for evaluation of existing above knee prosthesis.

- 99243 Office or other outpatient consultation for a new or established patient, which requires these three key components: a detailed history, a detailed examination, and medical decision making of low complexity.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate severity. Physicians typically spend 40 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family.

**For example:**

Initial office consultation for a 65-year-old female with persistent bronchitis.

Initial office consultation for a 65-year-old man with chronic low-back pain radiating to the leg.

- 99244 Office or other outpatient consultation for a new or established patient, which requires these three key components: a comprehensive history, a comprehensive examination, and medical decision making of moderate complexity.

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

**For example:**

Office consultation with 38-year-old female, with inflammatory bowel disease, who now presents with right lower quadrant pain and suspected intra-abdominal abscess.

Initial office consultation for discussion of treatment options for a 40-year-old female with a two-centimeter adenocarcinoma of the breast.

Initial office consultation with 72-year-old male with esophageal carcinoma, symptoms of dysphagia and reflux.

- 99245 Office or other outpatient consultation for a new or established patient, which requires these three key components: a comprehensive history, a comprehensive examination, and medical decision making of high complexity.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate to high severity. Physicians typically spend 80 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family.

**For example:**

Office consultation for a 23-year-old female with State II A Hodgkin's disease with positive supraclavicular and mediastinal nodes.

**INPATIENT CONSULTATIONS - NEW OR ESTABLISHED PATIENT**

The following codes are used to report physician consultations provided to hospital inpatients, residents of nursing facility, or patients in a partial hospital setting.

- 99251 Inpatient consultation for a new or established patient, which requires these three key components: a problem focused history, a problem focused examination, and straightforward medical decision making.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are self limited or minor. Physicians typically spend 20 minutes at the bedside and on the patient's hospital floor or unit.

**For example:**

Initial hospital consultation for a 30-year-old female complaining of vaginal itching, post orthopaedic surgery.

- 99252 Inpatient consultation for a new or established patient, which requires these three key components: an expanded problem focused history, an expanded problem focused examination, and straightforward medical decision making.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of low severity. Physicians typically spend 40 minutes at the bedside and on the patient's hospital floor or unit.

**For example:**

Hospital consultation for possible drug eruption in 50-year-old male.

Preoperative hospital consultation for evaluation of hypertension in a 60-year-old male who will undergo a cholecystectomy. Patient had a normal annual check-up in your office four months ago.

Initial hospital consultation for recommendation of antibiotic prophylaxis for a patient with a synthetic heart valve who will undergo urologic surgery.

- 99253 Inpatient consultation for a new or established patient, which requires these three key components: a detailed history, a detailed examination, and medical decision making of low complexity.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate severity. Physicians typically spend 55 minutes at the bedside and on the patient's hospital floor or unit.

**For example:**

Initial hospital consultation for a 57-year-old male, post lower endoscopy, for evaluation of abdominal pain and fever.

Hospital consultation for diagnosis/management of fever following abdominal surgery.

Initial hospital consultation for rehabilitation of a 73-year-old female one week after surgical management of a hip fracture.

Initial hospital consultation for a 35-year-old female with a fever and pulmonary infiltrate following cesarean section.

99254 Inpatient consultation for a new or established patient, which requires these three key components: a comprehensive history, a comprehensive examination, and medical decision making of moderate complexity.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate to high severity. Physicians typically spend 80 minutes at the bedside and on the patient's hospital floor or unit.

**For example:**

Evaluation of 63-year-old in the ICU with diabetes and chronic renal failure who develops acute respiratory distress syndrome 36 hours after a mitral valve replacement.

Emergency hospital consultation for possible bowel obstruction in a 72-year-old patient.

Initial hospital consultation for a 66-year-old female with enlarged supraclavicular lymph nodes, found on biopsy to be malignant.

Initial hospital consultation for evaluation of a 71-year-old male with hyponatremia (serum sodium 114) who was admitted to the hospital with pneumonia.

Initial hospital consultation for a 43-year-old female for evaluation of sudden painful visual loss, optic neuritis and episodic paresthesia.

Consultation in hospital for 35-year-old female with fever, swollen joints, and rash of one week duration.

99255 Inpatient consultation for a new or established patient, which requires these three key components: a comprehensive history, a comprehensive examination, and medical decision making of high complexity.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate to high severity. Physicians typically spend 110 minutes at the bedside and on the patient's hospital floor or unit.

**For example:**

Initial hospital consultation in the ICU for a 70-year-old male who experienced a cardiac arrest during surgery and was resuscitated.

Initial consultation in the ICU for a 51-year-old patient who is on a ventilator and has a fever two weeks after a renal transplantation.

Initial hospital consultation for a patient with severe pancreatitis complicated by respiratory insufficiency, acute renal failure and abscess formation.

Initial evaluation and formulation of plan for management of multiple trauma patient with complex pelvic fracture, 35-year-old male.

Initial hospital consultation for a 70-year-old cirrhotic male admitted with ascites, jaundice, encephalopathy, and massive hematemesis.

Initial hospital consultation for a 50-year-old male with a history of previous myocardial infarction, now with acute pulmonary edema and hypotension.

**EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT SERVICES - NEW OR ESTABLISHED PATIENT**

The following codes are used to report evaluation and management services provided in the emergency department. No distinction is made between new and established patients in the emergency department.

An emergency department is defined as an organized hospital-based facility for the provision of unscheduled episodic services to patients who present for immediate medical attention. The facility must be available 24 hours a day.

For critical care services provided in the Emergency Department, see critical care notes and 99291-99292.

For evaluation and management services provided to a patient in an observation area of a hospital, see 99217-99220.

For observation or inpatient care services (including admission and discharge services), see 99234-99236.

- 99281 Emergency department visit for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires these three key components: a problem focused history, a problem focused examination, and straightforward medical decision making.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are self limited or minor.

**For example:**

Emergency department visit for a patient for removal of sutures from a well-healed, uncomplicated laceration.

Emergency department visit for a patient for tetanus toxoid immunization.

Emergency department visit for a patient with several uncomplicated insect bites.

- 99282 Emergency department visit for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires these three key components: an expanded problem focused history, an expanded problem focused examination, and medical decision making of low complexity.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of low to moderate severity.

**For example:**

Emergency department visit for a 20-year-old student who presents with a painful sunburn with blister formation on the back.

Emergency department visit for a patient with a minor traumatic injury of an extremity with localized pain, swelling, and bruising.

Emergency department visit for a child presenting with impetigo localized to the face.

Emergency department visit for an otherwise healthy patient whose chief complaint is a red, swollen cystic lesion on his/her back.

**continued**



Emergency department visit for a young adult patient with infected sclera and purulent discharge from both eyes without pain, visual disturbance or history of foreign body in either eye.

Emergency department visit for a patient presenting with a rash on both legs after exposure to poison ivy.

- 99283 Emergency department visit for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires these three key components: an expanded problem focused history, an expanded problem focused examination, and medical decision making of moderate complexity.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate severity.

**For example:**

Emergency department visit for a sexually active female complaining of vaginal discharge who is afebrile and denies experiencing abdominal or back pain.

Emergency department visit for a patient with an inversion ankle injury, who is unable to bear weight on the injured foot and ankle.

Emergency department visit for a healthy, young adult patient who sustained a blunt head injury with local swelling and bruising **without** subsequent confusion, loss of consciousness or memory deficit.

Emergency department visit for a well-appearing 8-year-old child who has a fever, diarrhea and abdominal cramps, is tolerating oral fluids and is not vomiting.

Emergency department visit for a patient who has a complaint of acute pain associated with a suspected foreign body in the painful eye.

- 99284 Emergency department visit for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires these three key components: a detailed history, a detailed examination, and medical decision making of moderate complexity.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of high severity, and require urgent evaluation by the practitioner but do not pose an immediate significant threat to life or physiologic function.

**For example:**

Emergency department visit for a 4-year-old child who fell off a bike sustaining a head injury with brief loss of consciousness.

Emergency department visit for a patient with flank pain and hematuria.

Emergency department visit for an elderly female who has fallen and is now complaining of pain in her right hip and is unable to walk.

Emergency department visit for a female presenting with lower abdominal pain and a vaginal discharge.

99285 Emergency department visit for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires these three key components within the constraints imposed by the urgency of the patient's clinical condition and/or mental status: a comprehensive history, a comprehensive examination, and medical decision making of high complexity.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of high severity and pose an immediate significant threat to life or physiologic function.

**For example:**

Emergency department visit for a patient with a complicated overdose requiring aggressive management to prevent side effects from the ingested material.

Emergency department visit for a patient exhibiting active, upper gastrointestinal bleeding.

Emergency department visit for a patient with an acute onset of chest pain compatible with symptoms of cardiac ischemia and/or pulmonary embolus.

Emergency department visit for a patient with a new onset of a cerebral vascular accident.

Emergency department visit for a patient with a new onset of rapid heart rate requiring IV drugs.

Emergency department visit for a previously healthy young adult patient who is injured in an automobile accident and is brought to the emergency department immobilized and has symptoms compatible with intra-abdominal injuries or multiple extremity injuries.

Emergency department visit for a patient who presents with a sudden onset of "the worst headache of her life," and complains of a stiff neck nausea, and inability to concentrate.

Emergency department visit for acute febrile illness in an adult, associated with shortness of breath and an altered level of alertness.

## **CRITICAL CARE SERVICES**

Critical care is the direct delivery by a physician(s) of medical care for a critically ill or critically injured patient. A critical illness or injury acutely impairs one or more vital organ systems such that there is a high probability of imminent or life threatening deterioration in the patient's condition. Critical care involves high complexity decision making to assess, manipulate, and support vital system function(s) to treat single or multiple vital organ system failure and/or to prevent further life threatening deterioration of the patient's condition. Examples of vital organ system failure include, but are not limited to: central nervous system failure, circulatory failure, shock, renal, hepatic, metabolic, and/or respiratory failure. Although critical care typically requires interpretation of multiple physiologic parameters and/or application of advanced technology(s), critical care may be provided in life threatening situations when these elements are not present. Critical care may be provided on multiple days, even if no changes are made in the treatment rendered to the patient, provided that the patient's condition continues to require the level of physician attention described above.

Providing medical care to a critically ill, injured, or post-operative patient qualifies as a critical care service only if both the illness or injury and the treatment being provided meet the above requirements. Critical care is usually, but not always, given in a critical care area, such as the coronary care unit, intensive care unit, pediatric intensive care unit, respiratory care unit, or the emergency care facility.

Inpatient critical care services provided to infants 29 days through 71 months of age are reported with pediatric critical care codes 99471-99476. The pediatric critical care codes are reported as long as the infant/young child qualifies for critical care services during the hospital stay through 71 months of age. Inpatient critical care services provided to neonates (28 days of age or less) are reported with the neonatal critical care codes 99468 and 99469. The neonatal critical care codes are reported as long as the neonate qualifies for critical care services during the hospital stay through the 28th postnatal day. The reporting of the pediatric and neonatal critical care services is not based on time or the type of unit (eg, pediatric or neonatal critical care unit) and it is not dependent upon the type of provider delivering the care. To report critical care services provided in the outpatient setting (eg, emergency department or office), for neonates and pediatric patients up through 71 months of age, see the critical care codes 99291, 99292. If the same physician provides critical care services for a neonatal or pediatric patient in both the outpatient and inpatient settings on the same day, report only the appropriate neonatal or pediatric critical care code 99468-99472 for all critical care services provided on that day. Also report 99291-99292 for neonatal or pediatric critical care services provided by the physician providing critical care at one facility but transferring the patient to another facility. Critical care services provided by a second physician of a different specialty not reporting a per day neonatal or pediatric critical care code can be reported with codes 99291-99292. For additional instructions on reporting these services, see the neonatal and pediatric critical care section and codes 99468-99476.

Services for a patient who is not critically ill but happens to be in a critical care unit are reported using other appropriate E/M codes.

Critical care and other E/M services may be provided to the same patient on the same date by the same physician.

The following services are included in reporting critical care when performed during the critical period by the physician(s) providing critical care: the interpretation of cardiac output measurements (93561, 93562), chest x-rays (71010, 71015, 71020), pulse oximetry, blood gases, and information data stored in computers (eg, ECGs, blood pressures, hematologic data); gastric intubation (43752, 91105); temporary transcutaneous pacing (92953), ventilatory management; and vascular access procedures (36000, 36600). Any services performed which are not listed above should be reported separately.

Codes 99291, 99292 should be reported for the physician's attendance during the transport of critically ill or critically injured patients over 24 months of age to or from a facility or hospital. For physician transport services of critically ill or critically injured pediatric patients 24 months of age or less see 99466, 99467.

The critical care codes 99291 and 99292 are used to report the total duration of time spent by a physician providing critical care services to a critically ill or critically injured patient, even if the time spent by the physician on that date is not continuous. For any given period of time spent providing critical care services, the physician must devote his or her full attention to the patient and, therefore, cannot provide services to any other patient during the same period of time.

Time spent with the individual patient should be recorded in the patient's record. The time that can be reported as critical care is the time spent engaged in work directly related to the individual patient's care, whether that time was spent at the immediate bedside or elsewhere on the floor or unit. For example, time spent on the unit or at the nursing station on the floor reviewing test results or imaging studies, discussing the critically ill patient's care with other medical staff or documenting critical care services in the medical record would be reported as critical care, even though it does not occur at the bedside. Also, when the patient is unable or lacks capacity to participate in discussions, time spent on the floor or unit with family members or surrogate decision makers obtaining a medical history, reviewing the patient's condition or prognosis, or discussing treatment or limitation(s) of treatment may be reported as critical care, provided that the conversation bears directly on the management of the patient.

Time spent in activities that occur outside of the unit or off the floor (eg, telephone calls whether taken at home, in the office, or elsewhere in the hospital) may not be reported as critical care since the physician is not immediately available to the patient. Time spent in activities that do not directly contribute to the treatment of the patient may not be reported as critical care, even if they are performed in the critical care unit (eg, participation in administrative meetings or telephone calls to discuss other patients). Time spent performing separately reportable procedures or services should not be included in the time reported as critical care time.

Code 99291 is used to report the first 30-74 minutes of critical care on a given date. It should be used only once per date even if the time spent by the physician is not continuous on that date. Critical care of less than 30 minutes total duration on a given date should be reported with the appropriate E/M code.

Code 99292 is used to report additional block(s) of time, of up to 30 minutes each beyond the first 74 minutes.

- 99291 Critical care, evaluation and management of the critically ill or critically injured patient; first 30-74 minutes
- 99292 each additional 30 minutes **(Report required)**  
(List separately in addition to primary service)  
(Use 99292 in conjunction with 99291)

### **NURSING FACILITY SERVICES**

The following codes are used to report evaluation and management services to patients in Nursing Facilities (formerly called Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs), Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs) or Long Term Care Facilities (LTCFs)).

### **INITIAL NURSING FACILITY CARE - NEW OR ESTABLISHED PATIENT**

More than one comprehensive assessment may be necessary during an inpatient confinement.

- 99304 Initial nursing facility care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires these 3 key components: a detailed or comprehensive history, a detailed or comprehensive examination, and medical decision making that is straightforward or of low 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 problem(s) requiring admission are of low severity. Physicians typically spend 25 minutes with the patient and/or family or caregiver.

- 99305 Initial nursing facility care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a 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 problem(s) requiring admission are of moderate severity. Physicians typically spend 35 minutes with the patient and/or family or caregiver.

- 99306 Initial nursing facility care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires these 3 key components: a comprehensive history, a comprehensive examination, and medical decision making of high 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 problem(s) requiring admission are of high severity. Physicians typically spend 45 minutes with the patient and/or family or caregiver.

### **SUBSEQUENT NURSING FACILITY CARE - NEW OR ESTABLISHED PATIENT**

The following codes are used to report the services provided to residents of nursing facilities who do not require a comprehensive assessment, and/or who have not had a major, permanent change of status.

All levels of subsequent nursing facility care include reviewing the medical record and reviewing the results of diagnostic studies and changes in the patient's status (ie, changes in history, physical condition, and response to management) since the last assessment by the physician.

99307 Subsequent nursing facility care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a new or established patient, which requires at least 2 of these 3 key components: a problem focused interval history, a problem focused examination, straightforward medical decision making. 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 patient is stable, recovering, or improving. Physicians typically spend 10 minutes with the patient and/or family or caregiver.

99308 Subsequent nursing facility care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires at least 2 of these 3 components: an expanded problem focused interval history, an expanded problem focused examination, medical decision making of low 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 patient is responding inadequately to therapy or has developed a minor complication. Physicians typically spend 15 minutes with the patient and/or family or caregiver.

99309 Subsequent nursing facility care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires at least 2 of these 3 key components: a detailed interval history, a detailed examination, 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 patient has developed a significant complication or a significant new problem. Physicians typically spend 25 minutes with the patient and/or family or caregiver.

99310 Subsequent nursing facility care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires at least 2 of these 3 key components: a comprehensive interval history, a comprehensive examination, medical decision making of high 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.

The patient may be unstable or may have developed a significant new problem requiring immediate physician attention. Physicians typically spend 35 minutes with the patient and/or family or caregiver.

### **NURSING FACILITY DISCHARGE SERVICES**

The nursing facility discharge day management codes are to be used to report the total duration of time spent by a practitioner for the final nursing facility discharge of patient. The codes include, as appropriate, final examination of the patient, discussion of the nursing facility stay, even if the time spent by the physician on that date is not continuous. Instructions are given for continuing care to all relevant caregivers, and preparation of discharge records, prescriptions and referral forms.

- 99315 Nursing facility discharge day management; 30 minutes or less
- 99316 more than 30 minutes

### **DOMICILIARY, REST HOME (e.g., BOARDING HOME), OR CUSTODIAL CARE SERVICES**

The following codes are used to report evaluation and management services in a facility which provides room, board and other personal assistance services, generally on a long-term basis. The facility's services do not include a medical component. Typical times have not yet been established for this category of services.

#### **NEW PATIENT**

- 99324 Domiciliary or rest home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires these three key components: a problem focused history, a problem focused examination, and medical decision making that is straightforward.  
  
Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of low severity. Physicians typically spend 20 minutes with the patient and/or family or caregiver.
- 99325 Domiciliary or rest home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires these three key components: an expanded problem focused history, an expanded problem focused examination, and medical decision making of low complexity.  
  
Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate severity. Physicians typically spend 30 minutes with the patient and/or family or caregiver.
- 99326 Domiciliary or rest home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires these three key components: a detailed history, a detailed examination, and medical decision making of moderate complexity.  
  
Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate to high severity. Physicians typically spend 45 minutes with the patient and/or family or caregiver.
- 99327 Domiciliary or rest home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires these three key components: a comprehensive history, a comprehensive examination, and medical decision making of moderate complexity.  
  
Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of high severity. Physicians typically spend 60 minutes with the patient and/or family or caregiver.

- 99328 Domiciliary or rest home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires these three key components: a comprehensive history, a comprehensive examination, and medical decision making of high complexity.
- Usually, the patient is unstable or has developed a significant new problem requiring immediate physician attention. Physicians typically spend 75 minutes with the patient and/or family or caregiver.

ESTABLISHED PATIENT

- 99334 Domiciliary or rest home visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient, which requires at least two of these three key components: a problem focused interval history, a problem focused examination, and/or medical decision making that is straightforward.
- Usually, the presenting problem(s) are self-limited or minor. Physicians typically spend 15 minutes with the patient and/or family or caregiver.
- 99335 Domiciliary or rest home visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient, which requires at least two of these three key components: an expanded problem focused interval history, an expanded problem focused examination, and/or medical decision making of low complexity.
- Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of low to moderate severity. Physicians typically spend 25 minutes with the patient and/or family or caregiver.
- 99336 Domiciliary or rest home visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient, which requires at least two of these three key components: a detailed interval history, a detailed examination, and/or medical decision making of moderate complexity.
- Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate to high severity. Physicians typically spend 40 minutes with the patient and/or family or caregiver.
- 99337 Domiciliary or rest home visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient, which requires at least two of these three key components: a comprehensive interval history, a comprehensive examination, and medical decision making of moderate to high complexity.
- Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate to high severity. The patient may be unstable or may have developed a significant new problem requiring immediate physician attention. Physicians typically spend 60 minutes with the patient and/or family or caregiver.



## **HOME SERVICES**

The following codes are used to report evaluation and management services provided in a private residence.

### NEW PATIENT

- 99341 Home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires these three key components: a problem focused history, a problem focused examination, and medical decision making that is straightforward.
- Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of low severity. Physicians typically spend 20 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family.
- 99342 Home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires these three key components: an expanded problem focused history, an expanded problem focused examination, and medical decision making of low complexity.
- Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate severity. Physicians typically spend 30 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family.
- 99343 Home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires these three key components: a detailed history, a detailed examination, and medical decision making of moderate complexity.
- Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate to high severity. Physicians typically spend 45 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family.
- 99344 Home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires these three key components: a comprehensive history, a comprehensive examination; and medical decision making of moderate complexity.
- Usually the presenting problem(s) are of high severity. Physicians typically spend 60 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family.
- 99345 Home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires these three key components: a comprehensive history; a comprehensive examination and medical decision making of high complexity.
- Usually the patient is unstable or has developed a significant new problem requiring immediate Physician attention. Physicians typically spend 75 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family.

### ESTABLISHED PATIENT

- 99347 Home visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient, which requires at least two of these three key components: a problem focused interval history; a problem focused examination; straightforward medical decision making.
- Usually the presenting problem(s) are self-limited or minor. Physicians typically spend 15 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family.

99348 Home visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient, which requires at least two of these three key components: an expanded problem focused interval history; an expanded problem focused examination; medical decision making of low complexity.

Usually the presenting problem(s) are of low to moderate severity. Physicians typically spend 25 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family.

99349 Home visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient, which requires at least two of these three key components: a detailed interval history; a detailed examination; medical decision making of moderate complexity.

Usually the presenting problem(s) are moderate to high severity. Physicians typically spend 40 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family.

99350 Home visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient, which requires at least two of these three key components: a comprehensive interval history; a comprehensive examination; medical decision making of moderate to high complexity.

Usually, the presenting problem(s) are of moderate to high severity. The patient may be unstable or may have developed a significant new problem requiring immediate physician attention. Physicians typically spend 60 minutes face-to-face with the patient and/or family.

## **PROLONGED SERVICES**

### **PROLONGED PHYSICIAN SERVICE WITH DIRECT (FACE-TO-FACE) PATIENT CONTACT**

Codes 99354-99357 are used when a physician provides prolonged service involving direct (face-to-face) patient contact that is beyond the usual service in either the inpatient or outpatient setting. This service is reported in addition to other physician service, including evaluation and management services at any level. Appropriate codes should be selected for supplies provided or procedures performed in the care of the patient during this period. **(Report Required)**

Codes 99354-99357 are used to report the total duration of face-to-face time spent by a physician on a given date providing prolonged service, even if the time spent by the physician on that date is not continuous.

Code 99354 or 99356 is used to report the first hour of prolonged service on a given date, depending on the place of service. Either code also may be used to report a total duration of prolonged service of 30-60 minutes on a given date. Either code should be used only once per date, even if the time spent by the physician is not continuous on that date. Prolonged service of less than 30 minutes total duration on a given date is not separately reported because the work involved is included in the total work of the evaluation and management codes.

Code 99355 or 99357 is used to report each additional 30 minutes beyond the first hour, depending on the place of service. Either code may also be used to report the final 15-30 minutes of prolonged service on a given date. Prolonged service of less than 15 minutes beyond the first hour or less than 15 minutes beyond the final 30 minutes is not reported separately.

- 99354 Prolonged physician service in the office or other outpatient setting requiring direct (face-to-face) patient contact beyond the usual service (e.g., prolonged care and treatment of an acute asthmatic patient in an outpatient setting); first hour **(Report required)**  
(Use 99354 in conjunction with codes 99201-99215, 99241-99245, 99304-99350)
- 99355 each additional 30 minutes **(Report required)**  
(List separately in addition to code for prolonged physician service)  
(Use 99355 in conjunction with code 99354)
- 99356 Prolonged physician service in the inpatient setting, requiring unit/floor time beyond the usual service; first hour **(Report required)**  
(List separately in addition to code for inpatient evaluation and management service)  
(Use 99356 in conjunction with 99221-99233, 99251-99255, 99304-99310, 90822, 90829)
- 99357 each additional 30 minutes **(Report required)**  
(List separately in addition to code for prolonged physician service)  
(Use 99357 in conjunction with code 99356)

### **PREVENTIVE MEDICINE SERVICES (Well Visits)**

The following codes are used to report well visit services provided to patients.

#### **NEW PATIENT**

- 99381 Initial comprehensive preventive medicine evaluation and management of an individual including an age and gender appropriate history, examination, counseling/anticipatory guidance/risk factor reduction interventions, and the ordering of laboratory/diagnostic procedures, new patient; **infant (age younger than 1 year)**
- 99382 early childhood (age 1 through 4 years)
- 99383 late childhood (age 5 through 11 years)
- 99384 adolescent (age 12 through 17 years)
- 99385 18-39 years
- 99386 40-64 years

#### **ESTABLISHED PATIENT**

- 99391 Periodic comprehensive preventive medicine reevaluation and management of an individual including an age and gender appropriate history, examination, counseling/anticipatory guidance/risk factor reduction interventions, and the ordering of laboratory/diagnostic procedures, established patient; **infant (age younger than 1 year)**

99392	early childhood (age 1 through 4 years)
99393	late childhood (age 5 through 11 years)
99394	adolescent (age 12 through 17 years)
99395	18 - 39 years
99396	40 - 64 years

## **COUNSELING RISK FACTOR REDUCTION AND BEHAVIOR CHANGE INTERVENTION**

### BEHAVIOR CHANGE INTERVENTIONS, INDIVIDUAL

<b>99406</b>	Smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling visit; intermediate, greater than 3 minutes up to 10 minutes
<b>99407</b>	intensive, greater than 10 minutes

## **NEWBORN CARE SERVICES**

The following codes are used to report the services provided to newborns (birth through the first 28 days) in several different settings. Use of the normal newborn codes is limited to the initial care of the newborn in the first days after birth prior to home discharge.

Evaluation and management (e/m) services for the newborn include maternal and/or fetal and newborn history, newborn physical examination(s), ordering of diagnostic tests and treatments, meetings with the family, and documentation in the medical record.

When delivery room attendance services (99464) or delivery room resuscitation services (99465) are required, report these in addition to normal newborn services evaluation and management codes.

For E/M services provided to newborns who are other than normal, see codes for hospital inpatient services (99221-99233) and neonatal intensive and critical care services (99466-99469, 99477-99480). When normal newborn services are provided by the same physician on the same date that the newborn later becomes ill and receives additional intensive or critical care services, report the appropriate E/M code with modifier 25 for these services in addition to the normal newborn code.

Procedures (eg, 54150, newborn circumcision) are not included with the normal newborn codes, and when performed, should be reported in addition to the newborn services.

When newborns are seen in follow-up after the date of discharge in the office or outpatient setting, see 99201-99215, 99381, 99391 as appropriate.

<b>99460</b>	Initial hospital or birthing center care, per day, for evaluation and management of normal newborn infant
<b>99462</b>	Subsequent hospital care, per day, for evaluation and management of normal newborn
<b>99463</b>	Initial hospital or birthing center care, per day, for evaluation and management of normal newborn infant admitted and discharged on the same day (For newborn hospital discharge services provided on a date subsequent to the admission date, see 99238, 99239)

**DELIVERY/BIRTHING ROOM ATTENDANCE AND RESUSCITATION SERVICES**

**99465** Delivery/birthing room resuscitation, provision of positive pressure ventilation and/or chest compressions in the presence of acute inadequate ventilation and/or cardiac output

(Do not report 99465 in conjunction with 99460, 99468, 99477)

(Procedures that are performed as a necessary part of the resuscitation [eg, intubation, vascular lines] are reported separately in addition to 99465. In order to report these procedures, they must be performed as a necessary component of the resuscitation and not as a convenience before admission to the neonatal intensive care unit)

**INPATIENT NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE SERVICES AND PEDIATRIC AND NEONATAL CRITICAL CARE SERVICES**

**PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE PATIENT TRANSPORT**

The following codes (99466, 99467) are used to report the physical attendance and direct **face-to-face** care by a physician during the interfacility transport of a critically ill or critically injured pediatric patient 24 months of age or less. For the purpose of reporting codes 99466 and 99467, face-to-face care begins when the physician assumes primary responsibility of the pediatric patient at the referring hospital/facility, and ends when the receiving hospital/facility accepts responsibility for the pediatric patient's care. Only the time the physician spends in direct **face-to-face** contact with the patient during the transport should be reported. Pediatric patient transport services involving less than 30 minutes of face-to-face physician care should not be reported using codes 99466, 99467. Procedure(s) or service(s) performed by other members of the transporting team may not be reported by the supervising physician.

For the definition of the critically ill or critically injured pediatric patient and the list of services included in critical care, see the **Neonatal and Pediatric Critical Care Services** section. Any services performed, which are not listed, may be reported separately.

The direction of emergency care to transporting staff by a physician located in a hospital or other facility by two-way communication is not considered direct face-to-face care and should not be reported with codes 99466, 99467. Physician-directed emergency care through outside voice communication to transporting staff personnel is not reimbursable as a separate procedure.

Emergency department services (99281-99285), initial hospital care (99221-99223), critical care (99291, 99292), initial date neonatal intensive (99477) or critical care (99468) are only reported after the patient has been admitted to the emergency department, the inpatient floor or the critical care unit of the receiving facility. If inpatient critical care services are reported in the referring facility prior to transfer to the receiving hospital, use the critical care codes (99291, 99292).

Code 99466 is used to report the first 30-74 minutes of direct face-to-face time with the transport pediatric patient and should be reported only once on a given date. Code 99467 is used to report each additional 30 minutes provided on a given date. Face-to-face services less than 30 minutes should not be reported with these codes. **(Report required)**

**99466** Critical care services delivered by a physician, face-to-face, during an interfacility transport of critically ill or critically injured pediatric patient, 24 months of age or less; first 30-74 minutes of hands on care during transport **(Report required)**

**99467** each additional 30 minutes **(Report required)**  
(List separately in addition to code for primary service)  
(Use 99467 in conjunction with 99466)

(Critical care of less than 30 minutes total duration should be reported with the appropriate E/M code)

### **INPATIENT NEONATAL AND PEDIATRIC CRITICAL CARE**

**99468** Initial inpatient neonatal critical care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a critically ill neonate, 28 days of age or less

**99469** Subsequent inpatient neonatal critical care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a critically ill neonate, 28 days of age or less

**99471** Initial inpatient pediatric critical care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a critically ill infant or young child, 29 days through 24 months of age

**99472** Subsequent inpatient pediatric critical care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a critically ill infant or young child, 29 days through 24 months of age

**99475** Initial inpatient pediatric critical care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a critically ill infant or young child, 2 through 5 years of age

**99476** Subsequent inpatient pediatric critical care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a critically ill infant or young child, 2 through 5 years of age

### **INITIAL AND CONTINUING INTENSIVE CARE SERVICES**

**99477** Initial hospital care, per day, for the evaluation and management of the neonate, 28 days of age or less, who requires intensive observation, frequent interventions, and other intensive care services

(For the initiation of inpatient care of the normal newborn, report 99460

(For the initiation of care of the critically ill neonate, use 99468)

(For initiation of inpatient hospital care of the ill neonate not requiring intensive observation, frequent interventions, and other intensive care services, see 99221-99223)

**99478** Subsequent intensive care, per day, for the evaluation and management of the recovering very low birth weight infant (present body weight less than 1500 grams)  
(Neonatologist or Pediatric Critical Care Specialist only)

**99479** Subsequent intensive care, per day, for the evaluation and management of the recovering low birth weight infant (present body weight of 1500-2500 grams)  
(Neonatologist or Pediatric Critical Care Specialist only)

**99480** Subsequent intensive care, per day, for the evaluation and management of the recovering infant (present body weight of 2501-5000 grams)



**PREFERRED PHYSICIAN AND CHILDRENS PROGRAM (PPAC)(158)**

**OFFICE SERVICES**

The following reimbursement amounts are for services rendered in the practitioner's private office. For services rendered in a hospital outpatient setting see the list of reimbursement amounts for "Hospital Outpatient Services".

**NEW PATIENT (Problem Visits)**

**ESTABLISHED PATIENT  
(Problem Visits)**

<u>Procedure Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group</u>	<u>Co. Group</u>
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
99201	39.64	33.63
99202	39.64	33.63
99203	39.64	33.63
99204	39.64	33.63
99205	39.64	33.63

<u>Procedure Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group</u>	<u>Co. Group</u>
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
99211	39.64	33.63
99212	39.64	33.63
99213	39.64	33.63
99214	39.64	33.63
99215	39.64	33.63

**NEW PATIENT (Well Visits)**

**ESTABLISHED PATIENT (Well Visits)**

<u>Procedure Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group</u>	<u>Co. Group</u>
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
99381	39.64	33.63
99382	39.64	33.63
99383	39.64	33.63
99384	39.64	33.63
99385	39.64	33.63

<u>Procedure Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group</u>	<u>Co. Group</u>
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
99391	39.64	33.63
99392	39.64	33.63
99393	39.64	33.63
99394	39.64	33.63
99395	39.64	33.63

**HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT SERVICES**

Reimbursement amounts are for services rendered in a hospital outpatient setting. For services rendered in the practitioner's private office, see above.

**NEW PATIENT**

**ESTABLISHED PATIENT**

<u>Procedure Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
99201	36.00	30.00
99202	36.00	30.00
99203	36.00	30.00
99204	36.00	30.00
99205	36.00	30.00

<u>Procedure Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
99211	36.00	30.00
99212	36.00	30.00
99213	36.00	30.00
99214	36.00	30.00
99215	36.00	30.00

**PREFERRED PHYSICIAN AND CHILDRENS PROGRAM (PPAC)(158)**

**HOSPITAL OBSERVATION SERVICES**

**OBSERVATION CARE DISCHARGE SERVICES**

<u>Procedure Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
99217	36.00	30.00

**INITIAL OBSERVATION CARE NEW OR ESTABLISHED PATIENT**

<u>Procedure Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
99218	36.00	30.00
99219	36.00	30.00
99220	36.00	30.00

**HOSPITAL INPATIENT SERVICES**

**INITIAL HOSPITAL CARE NEW OR ESTABLISHED PATIENT**

<u>Procedure Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
99221	36.00	30.00
99222	36.00	30.00
99223	36.00	30.00

**SUBSEQUENT HOSPITAL CARE**

<u>Procedure Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
99231	36.00	30.00
99232	36.00	30.00
99233	36.00	30.00

**OBSERVATION OR INPATIENT CARE SERVICES**

(Including Admission and Discharge Services)

<u>Procedure Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
99234	36.00	30.00
99235	36.00	30.00
99236	36.00	30.00

**HOSPITAL DISCHARGE SERVICES**

<u>Procedure Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
99238	36.00	30.00
99239	36.00	30.00

**NURSING FACILITY SERVICES**

**INITIAL NURSING FACILITY CARE NEW OR ESTABLISHED PATIENT**

<u>Procedure Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
99304	36.00	30.00
99305	36.00	30.00
99306	36.00	30.00

**SUBSEQUENT NURSING FACILITY CARE NEW OR ESTABLISHED PATIENT**

<u>Procedure Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
99307	36.00	30.00
99308	36.00	30.00
99309	36.00	30.00
99310	36.00	30.00



**PREFERRED PHYSICIAN AND CHILDRENS PROGRAM (PPAC)(158)**

**NURSING FACILITY DISCHARGE SERVICES**

<u>Procedure Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
99315	36.00	30.00
99316	36.00	30.00

**DOMICILIARY, REST HOME (EG, BOARDING HOME), OR CUSTODIAL CARE SERVICES**

<u>NEW PATIENT</u>			<u>ESTABLISHED PATIENT</u>		
<u>Procedure Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>		<u>Procedure Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>		<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
99324	36.00	30.00	99334	36.00	30.00
99325	36.00	30.00	99335	36.00	30.00
99326	36.00	30.00	99336	36.00	30.00
99327	36.00	30.00	99337	36.00	30.00
99328	36.00	30.00			

**HOME SERVICES**

<u>NEW PATIENT</u>			<u>ESTABLISHED PATIENT</u>		
<u>Procedure Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>		<u>Procedure Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>		<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
99341	36.00	30.00	99347	36.00	30.00
99342	36.00	30.00	99348	36.00	30.00
99343	36.00	30.00	99349	36.00	30.00
99344	36.00	30.00	99350	36.00	30.00
99345	36.00	30.00			

**NEWBORN CARE**

<u>Procedure Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
<b>99460</b>	36.00	30.00
<b>99462</b>	36.00	30.00
<b>99463</b>	36.00	30.00

**HIV ENHANCED FEES FOR PHYSICIAN PROGRAM (HIV-RFP)(249)**

**OFFICE SERVICES**

The following reimbursement amounts are for services rendered in the practitioner's private office. For services rendered in a hospital outpatient setting see the list of reimbursement amounts for "Hospital Outpatient Services".

<u>Procedure</u>			<u>Procedure</u>		
<u>Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>		<u>Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>		<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
99201	42.22	37.35	99211	42.22	37.35
99202	42.22	37.35	99212	42.22	37.35
99203	42.22	37.35	99213	42.22	37.35
99204	42.22	37.35	99214	42.22	37.35
99205	42.22	37.35	99215	42.22	37.35

**HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT SERVICES**

Reimbursement amounts are for services rendered in a hospital outpatient setting. For services rendered in the practitioner's private office, see page above.

**NEW PATIENT**

<u>Procedure</u>		
<u>Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
99201	36.00	30.00
99202	36.00	30.00
99203	36.00	30.00
99204	36.00	30.00
99205	36.00	30.00

**ESTABLISHED PATIENT**

<u>Procedure</u>		
<u>Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
99211	36.00	30.00
99212	36.00	30.00
99213	36.00	30.00
99214	36.00	30.00
99215	36.00	30.00

**HOSPITAL OBSERVATION SERVICES**

**OBSERVATION CARE DISCHARGE SERVICES**

<u>Procedure</u>		
<u>Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
99217	36.00	30.00

**INITIAL OBSERVATION CARE NEW OR ESTABLISHED PATIENT**

<u>Procedure</u>		
<u>Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
99218	36.00	30.00
99219	36.00	30.00
99220	36.00	30.00

**HOSPITAL INPATIENT SERVICES**

**INITIAL HOSPITAL CARE NEW OR ESTABLISHED PATIENT**

<u>Procedure</u>		
<u>Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
99221	36.00	30.00
99222	36.00	30.00
99223	36.00	30.00

**SUBSEQUENT HOSPITAL CARE**

<u>Procedure</u>		
<u>Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
99231	36.00	30.00
99232	36.00	30.00
99233	36.00	30.00

**HIV ENHANCED FEES FOR PHYSICIAN PROGRAM (HIV-RFP)(249)**

OBSERVATION OR INPATIENT CARE SERVICES  
(Including Admission and Discharge Services)

<u>Procedure</u> <u>Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
99234	36.00	30.00
99235	36.00	30.00
99236	36.00	30.00

HOSPITAL DISCHARGE SERVICES

<u>Procedure</u> <u>Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
99238	36.00	30.00
99239	36.00	30.00

**EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT SERVICES**

NEW OR ESTABLISHED PATIENT

<u>Procedure</u> <u>Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
99281	36.00	30.00
99282	36.00	30.00
99283	36.00	30.00
99284	36.00	30.00
99285	36.00	30.00

**NURSING FACILITY SERVICES**

INITIAL NURSING FACILITY CARE  
NEW OR ESTABLISHED PATIENT

<u>Procedure</u> <u>Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
99304	36.00	30.00
99305	36.00	30.00
99306	36.00	30.00

SUBSEQUENT NURSING FACILITY  
CARE NEW OR ESTABLISHED PATIENT

<u>Procedure</u> <u>Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
99307	36.00	30.00
99308	36.00	30.00
99309	36.00	30.00
99310	36.00	30.00

**NURSING FACILITY DISCHARGE**  
**SERVICES**

<u>Procedure</u> <u>Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
99315	36.00	30.00
99316	36.00	30.00

**HIV ENHANCED FEES FOR PHYSICIAN PROGRAM (HIV-RFP)(249)**

**DOMICILLARY, REST HOME (EG, BOARDING HOME), OR CUSTODIAL CARE SERVICES**

NEW PATIENT

ESTABLISHED PATIENT

<u>Procedure</u> <u>Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>		<u>Procedure</u> <u>Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>		<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
99324	36.00	30.00	99334	36.00	30.00
99325	36.00	30.00	99335	36.00	30.00
99326	36.00	30.00	99336	36.00	30.00
99327	36.00	30.00	99337	36.00	30.00
99328	36.00	30.00			

**HOME SERVICES**

NEW PATIENT

ESTABLISHED PATIENT

<u>Procedure</u> <u>Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>		<u>Procedure</u> <u>Code</u>	<u>Maximum Fee</u>	
	<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>		<u>Co. Group A</u>	<u>Co. Group B</u>
99341	36.00	30.00	99347	36.00	30.00
99342	36.00	30.00	99348	36.00	30.00
99343	36.00	30.00	99349	36.00	30.00
99344	36.00	30.00	99350	36.00	30.00
99345	36.00	30.00			

## LABORATORY SERVICES PERFORMED IN A PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE

Certain laboratory procedures specified below are eligible for direct physician reimbursement when performed in the office of the physician in the course of treatment of his own patients.

The physician must be registered with the federal Health Care Finance Administration (HCFA) to perform laboratory procedures as required by the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988 (CLIA '88).

Procedures other than those specified must be performed by a laboratory, holding a valid clinical laboratory permit in the commensurate laboratory, specialty issued by the New York State Department of Health or, where appropriate, the New York City Department of Health.

For detection of pregnancy, use code 81025.

Procedure code 85025 complete blood count (CBC), may not be billed with its component codes 85007, 85013, 85018, 85041 or 85048.

- 81000 Urinalysis, by dip stick or tablet reagent for bilirubin, glucose, hemoglobin, ketones, leukocytes, nitrite, pH, protein, specific gravity, urobilinogen, any number of these constituents; non-automated, with microscopy
- 81001       automated, with microscopy
- 81002       non-automated, without microscopy
- 81003       automated, without microscopy
- 81015 Urinalysis; microscopic only
- 81025 Urine pregnancy test, by visual color comparison methods
- 85007 Blood count; blood smear, microscopic examination with manual differential WBC count (includes RBC morphology and platelet estimation)
- 85013       spun microhematocrit
- 85018       hemoglobin (Hgb)
- 85025       complete (CBC), automated (Hgb, Hct, RBC, WBC and platelet count) and automated differential WBC count
- 85041       red blood cell (RBC) automated
- 85048       leukocyte (WBC), automated
- 85651 Sedimentation rate, erythrocyte; non-automated
- 85652       automated
- 87081 Culture, presumptive, pathogenic organisms, screening only (throat only)
- 87880 Infectious agent detection by immunoassay with direct optical observation; streptococcus, group A (throat only)

NOTE: Medicare reimburses for these services at 100 percent. No Medicare co-insurance payments may be billed for the above listed procedure codes.

## MEDICINE

### PSYCHIATRY

Codes 90801-90899 are for face-to-face services provided by a Psychiatrist.

Hospital care by the attending physician in treating a psychiatric inpatient or partial hospitalization may be initial or subsequent in nature (see 99221-99233) and may include exchanges with nursing and ancillary personnel. Hospital care services involve a variety of responsibilities unique to the medical management of inpatients, such as physician hospital orders, interpretation of laboratory or other medical diagnostic studies and observations. Some patients receive hospital evaluation and management services only and others receive evaluation and management services and other procedures. If other procedures such as electroconvulsive therapy are rendered, by the physician, in addition to hospital evaluation and management services, these should be listed separately (ie, hospital care service plus electroconvulsive therapy).

Other evaluation and management services, such as office medical services or other patient encounters, may be described as listed in the section on Evaluation and Management, if appropriate. The Evaluation and Management services should not be reported separately, when reporting codes 90805, 90807, 90809, 90811, 90813, 90815, 90817, 90819, 90822, 90824, 90827, 90829.

**Note:** When reporting procedure codes 90801, 90802, 90846, 90847, 90849, 90853, 90857, 90862 with a Place of Service **Office**, reimbursement will not exceed 120% of the Maximum State Medical Fee Schedule Amount. The amount billed should reflect total amount due. (When billing for procedure codes 90804 through 90857, 96101, the total time billed to New York State Medicaid should reflect the face-to-face contact time with the patient. Reimbursement for all work performed before and after the face-to-face encounter (eg, analysis of tests, reviewing records, etc.) is included in the maximum reimbursable amount for the face-to-face encounter.) More information on the definition of time, specifically the definition of face-to-face contact time can be found under General Information and Rules in the Medicine Section.

### PSYCHIATRIC DIAGNOSTIC OR EVALUATIVE INTERVIEW PROCEDURES

Psychiatric diagnostic interview examination includes a history, mental status, and a disposition, and may include communication with family or other sources, ordering and medical interpretation of laboratory or other medical diagnostic studies. In certain circumstances other informants will be seen in lieu of the patient.

Interactive psychiatric diagnostic interview examination is typically furnished to children. It involves the use of physical aids and non-verbal communication to overcome barriers to therapeutic interaction between the clinician and a patient who has not yet developed, or has lost, either the expressive language communication skills to explain his/her symptoms and response to treatment, or the receptive communication skills to understand the clinician if he/she were to use ordinary adult language for communication.

- 90801 Psychiatric diagnostic interview examination
- 90802 Interactive psychiatric diagnostic interview examination using play equipment, physical devices, language interpreter, or other mechanisms of communication

### **PSYCHIATRIC THERAPEUTIC PROCEDURES**

Psychotherapy is the treatment for mental illness and behavioral disturbances in which the clinician establishes a professional contract with the patient and, through definitive therapeutic communication, attempts to alleviate the emotional disturbances, reverse or change maladaptive patterns of behavior, and encourage personality growth and development. The codes for reporting psychotherapy are divided into two broad categories: Interactive Psychotherapy; and Insight Oriented, Behavior Modifying and/or Supportive Psychotherapy.

Interactive psychotherapy is typically furnished to children. It involves the use of physical aids and non-verbal communication to overcome barriers to therapeutic interaction between the clinician and a patient who has not yet developed, or has lost, either the expressive language communication skills to explain his/her symptoms and response to treatment, or the receptive communication skills to understand the clinician if he/she were to use ordinary adult language for communication.

Insight oriented, behavior modifying and/or supportive psychotherapy refers to the development of insight or affective understanding, the use of behavior modification techniques, the use of supportive interactions, the use of cognitive discussion of reality, or any combination of the above to provide therapeutic change.

Some patients receive psychotherapy only and other receive psychotherapy and medical evaluation and management services. These evaluation and management services involve a variety of responsibilities unique to the medical management of psychiatric patients, such as medical diagnostic evaluation (eg, evaluation of comorbid medical conditions, drug interactions, and physical examinations), drug management when indicated, physician orders, interpretation of laboratory or other medical diagnostic studies and observations.

In reporting psychotherapy, the appropriate code is chosen on the basis of the type of psychotherapy (interactive using non-verbal techniques versus insight oriented, behavior modifying and/or supportive using verbal techniques), the place of service (office versus inpatient), the face-to-face time spent with the patient during psychotherapy, and whether evaluation and management services are furnished on the same date of service as psychotherapy.

To report medical evaluation and management services furnished on a day when psychotherapy is not provided, select the appropriate code from the **Evaluation and Management Services Guidelines**.

**OFFICE INSIGHT ORIENTED, BEHAVIOR MODIFYING AND/OR SUPPORTIVE PSYCHOTHERAPY**

- 90804 Individual psychotherapy, insight oriented, behavior modifying and/or supportive, in an **office** (practitioner's office), approximately 20 to 30 minutes (greater than 20 minutes but less than 37 minutes) face-to-face with the patient;
- 90805 with medical evaluation and management services
- 90806 Individual psychotherapy, insight oriented, behavior modifying and/or supportive, in an **office** (practitioner's office), approximately 45 to 50 minutes (37 minutes to 1 hour) face-to-face with the patient;
- 90807 with medical evaluation and management services
- 90808 Individual psychotherapy, insight oriented, behavior modifying and/or supportive, in an **office** (practitioner's office), approximately 75 to 80 minutes (greater than 1 hour) face-to-face with the patient (**Report required**);
- 90809 with medical evaluation and management services (**Report required**)

**INTERACTIVE PSYCHOTHERAPY**

- 90810 Individual psychotherapy, interactive, using play equipment, physical devices, language interpreter or other mechanisms of non-verbal communication, in an **office** (practitioner's office), approximately 20 to 30 minutes (greater than 20 minutes but less than 37 minutes) face-to-face with the patient;
- 90811 with medical evaluation and management services
- 90812 Individual psychotherapy, interactive, using play equipment, physical devices, language interpreter, or other mechanisms of non-verbal communication, in an **office** (practitioner's office), approximately 45 to 50 minutes (37 minutes to 1 hour) face-to-face with patient;
- 90813 with medical evaluation and management services
- 90814 Individual psychotherapy, interactive, using play equipment, physical devices, language interpreter, or other mechanisms of non-verbal communication, in an **office** (practitioner's office), approximately 75 to 80 minutes (greater than 1 hour) face-to-face with the patient;(**Report required**)
- 90815 with medical evaluation and management services (**Report required**)

**INPATIENT OR OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL, PARTIAL HOSPITAL OR RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY; INSIGHT ORIENTED, BEHAVIOR MODIFYING AND/OR SUPPORTIVE PSYCHOTHERAPY**

- 90816 Individual psychotherapy, insight oriented, behavior modifying and/or supportive, in an **inpatient or outpatient** hospital, partial hospital or residential care setting, approximately 20 to 30 minutes (greater than 20 minutes but less than 37 minutes) face-to-face with the patient;
- 90817 with medical evaluation and management services
- 90818 Individual psychotherapy, insight oriented, behavior modifying and/or supportive, in an **inpatient or outpatient** hospital, partial hospital or residential care setting, approximately 45 to 50 minutes (37 minutes to 1 hour) face-to-face with the patient;



- 90819 with medical evaluation and management services
- 90821 Individual psychotherapy, insight oriented, behavior modifying and/or supportive, in an **inpatient or outpatient** hospital, partial hospital or residential care setting, approximately 75 to 80 minutes (greater than 1 hour) face-to-face with the patient **(Report required)**;
- 90822 with medical evaluation and management services **(Report required)**

**INTERACTIVE PSYCHOTHERAPY**

- 90823 Individual psychotherapy, interactive, using play equipment, physical devices, language interpreter, or other mechanisms of non-verbal communication in an **inpatient or outpatient** hospital, partial hospital or residential care setting, approximately 20 to 30 minutes (greater than 20 minutes but less than 37 minutes) face-to-face with the patient;
- 90824 with medical evaluation and management services
- 90826 Individual psychotherapy, interactive, using play equipment, physical devices, language interpreter, or other mechanisms of non-verbal communication in an **inpatient or outpatient** hospital, partial hospital or residential care setting, approximately 45 to 50 minutes (37 minutes to 1 hour) face-to-face with the patient;
- 90827 with medical evaluation and management services
- 90828 Individual psychotherapy, interactive, using play equipment, physical devices, language interpreter, or other mechanisms of non-verbal communication in an **inpatient or outpatient** hospital, partial hospital or residential care setting, approximately 75 to 80 minutes (greater than 1 hour) face-to-face with the patient **(Report required)**;
- 90829 with medical evaluation and management services **(Report required)**

**OTHER PSYCHOTHERAPY**

- 90846 Family psychotherapy (without the patient present)
- 90847 Family psychotherapy (conjoint psychotherapy) (with patient present) (1 1/2 hours, per person; maximum 8 persons per group)
- 90849 Multiple-family group psychotherapy (1 1/2 hours, per person; maximum 8 persons per group)
- 90853 Group psychotherapy (other than of a multiple-family group) (1 1/2 hours, per person; maximum 8 persons per group)
- 90857 Interactive group psychotherapy (1 1/2 hours, per person; maximum 8 persons per group)

### **OTHER PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES OR PROCEDURES**

(For analysis/programming of neurostimulators used for vagus nerve stimulation therapy, see 95970, 95974, 95975)

90862 Pharmacologic management, including prescription, use, and review of medication with no more than minimal medical psychotherapy

**(Do not report code 90862 in addition to Evaluation and Management codes, 99201- 99465, or Psychiatry codes, 90801-90899 or 90870 requiring unusual anesthesia, modifier -23)**

**(Code 90862 is not intended to refer to a brief evaluation of the patient's state or simple dosage adjustment of long term medication. This code refers to the in-depth management of psychopharmacologic agents with frequent serious side effects, and represents a very skilled aspect to patient care)**

90870 Electroconvulsive therapy (includes necessary monitoring)

90899 Unlisted psychiatric service or procedure

### **PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER VISITS**

For dates of service on or after July 1, 2002, report services provided by a Certified Social Worker (CSW) under the direct supervision of an employing psychiatrist, using the following procedure codes and maximum reimbursable amounts: 90804 (\$13.50), 90806 (\$27.00), 90846 (\$7.20), 90847 (\$7.20), 90849 (\$7.20), 90853 (\$7.20), 90857 (\$7.20). See modifier – AJ. (For services provided prior to July 1, 2002, continue to use procedure codes W0092- W0095.)

### **DIALYSIS**

(Professional dialysis fees for procedures 90935-90947 are intended for the attending physician's personal services related to the dialysis procedures performed)

See SURGERY Section for corresponding surgical procedures.

Codes 90967-90970 are reported when outpatient ESRD related services are not performed consecutively during an entire full month.

Evaluation and management services unrelated to ESRD services that cannot be performed during the dialysis session may be reported separately.

For ESRD related services and dialysis procedure(s) performed during a period of hospitalization: Separately report appropriate Hospital Evaluation and Management Services code(s) for the hospitalized period if service(s) is unrelated to ESRD services. Report 90945 or 90947 for each inpatient dialysis procedure.

## **HEMODIALYSIS**

Codes 90935, 90937 are reported to describe the hemodialysis procedure with all evaluation and management services related to the patient's renal disease on the day of the hemodialysis procedure. These codes are used for inpatient ESRD and non-ESRD procedures or for outpatient non-ESRD dialysis services. Code 90935 is reported if only one evaluation of the patient is required related to the hemodialysis procedure. Code 90937 is reported when patient re-evaluation(s) is required during a hemodialysis procedure. Use the modifier -25 with Evaluation and Management codes for separately identifiable services unrelated to the dialysis procedure or renal failure which cannot be rendered during the dialysis session.

(For cannula declotting, see 36831, 36833, 36860, 36861)

(For declotting of implanted vascular access device or catheter by thrombolytic agent, use 36593)

(For collection of blood specimen from a partially or completely implantable venous access device, use 36591)

(For prolonged physician attendance, see 99354-99360)

90935 Hemodialysis procedure with single physician evaluation

90937 Hemodialysis procedure requiring repeated evaluation(s) with or without substantial revision of dialysis prescription

## **MISCELLANEOUS DIALYSIS PROCEDURE**

Codes 90945, 90947 describe dialysis procedures other than hemodialysis (eg, peritoneal dialysis, hemofiltration or continuous renal replacement therapies), and all evaluation and management services related to the patient's renal disease on the day of the procedure. Code 90945 is reported if only one evaluation of the patient is required related to that procedure. Code 90947 is reported when patient re-evaluation(s) is required during a procedure. Utilize modifier -25 with Evaluation and Management codes for separately identifiable services unrelated to the procedure or renal failure which cannot be rendered during the dialysis session.

(For insertion of intraperitoneal cannula or catheter, see 49420, 49421)

(For prolonged physician attendance, see 99354-99360)

90945 Dialysis procedure other than hemodialysis (eg, peritoneal dialysis, hemofiltration or other continuous renal replacement therapies), with single physician evaluation

90947 Dialysis procedure other than hemodialysis (eg, peritoneal dialysis, hemofiltration or other continuous renal replacement therapies), requiring repeated physician evaluations, with or without substantial revision of dialysis prescription

**END-STAGE RENAL DISEASE SERVICES**

Codes 90951-90962 are reported ONCE per month to distinguish age-specific services related to the patient's end-stage renal disease (ESRD) performed in an outpatient setting with three levels of service based on the number of face-to-face visits. ESRD-related physician services include establishment of a dialyzing cycle, outpatient evaluation and management of the dialysis visits, telephone calls, and patient management during the dialysis provided during a full month. These codes are not used if hospitalization occurred during the month. In the circumstances where the patient has had a complete assessment visit during the month and services are provided over a period of less than a month, 90951-90962 may be used according to the number of visits performed.

Codes 90963-90966 are reported once per month for a full month of service to distinguish age-specific services for end-stage renal disease (ESRD) services for home dialysis patients.

For ESRD and non-ESRD dialysis services performed in an inpatient setting, and for non-ESRD dialysis services performed in an outpatient setting, see 90935-90937 and 90945-90947.

Evaluation and management services unrelated to ESRD services that cannot be performed during the dialysis session may be reported separately.

Codes 90967-90970 are reported to distinguish age-specific services for end-stage renal disease (ESRD) services for less than a full month of service, per day, for services provided under the following circumstances: home dialysis patients less than a full month, transient patients, partial month where there was one or more face-to-face visits without the complete assessment, the patient was hospitalized before a complete assessment was furnished, dialysis was stopped due to recovery or death, or the patient received a kidney transplant. For reporting purposes, each month is considered 30 days.

Codes 90967-90970 are used to report ESRD related services on a per day basis, one claim line is used prorating the number of days within the month X the fee listed, the total number of days should be entered in the "Days or Units" field. The codes can be used preceding and/or following the period of hospitalization. The date of service should be the last date within the month that services were provided.

EXAMPLE: A four year old receiving continuous peritoneal dialysis has sixteen days of daily outpatient care, preceding or following a period of hospitalization.

Report code on one line indicating 16 in the days/units field.

- 90951** End stage renal disease (ESRD) related services monthly, for patients younger than 2 years of age to include monitoring for the adequacy of nutrition, assessment of growth and development, and counseling of parents; with 4 or more face-to-face physician visits per month
- 90952** with 2-3 face-to-face physician visits per month
- 90953** with 1 face-to-face physician visit per month
- 90954** End stage renal disease (ESRD) related services monthly, for patients 2-11 years of age to include monitoring for the adequacy of nutrition, assessment of growth and development, and counseling of parents; with 4 or more face-to-face physician visits per month

- 90955 with 2-3 face-to-face physician visits per month
- 90956 with 1 face-to-face physician visit per month
- 90957 End stage renal disease (ESRD) related services monthly, for patients 12-19 years of age to include monitoring for the adequacy of nutrition, assessment of growth and development, and counseling of parents; with 4 or more face-to-face physician visits per month
- 90958 with 2-3 face-to-face physician visits per month
- 90959 with 1 face-to-face physician visit per month
- 90960 End stage renal disease (ESRD) related services monthly, for patients 20 years of age and older; with 4 or more face-to-face physician visits per month
- 90961 with 2-3 face-to-face physician visits per month
- 90962 with 1 face-to-face physician visit per month
- 90963 End stage renal disease (ESRD) related services for home dialysis per full month, for patients younger than 2 years of age to include monitoring for the adequacy of nutrition, assessment of growth and development, and counseling of parents
- 90964 End stage renal disease (ESRD) related services for home dialysis per full month, for patients 2-11 years of age to include monitoring for the adequacy of nutrition, assessment of growth and development, and counseling of parents
- 90965 End stage renal disease (ESRD) related services for home dialysis per full month, for patients 12-19 years of age to include monitoring for the adequacy of nutrition, assessment of growth and development, and counseling of parents
- 90966 End stage renal disease (ESRD) related services for home dialysis per full month, for patients 20 years of age and older
- 90967 End stage renal disease (ESRD) related services for dialysis less than a full month of service, per day; for patients younger than 2 years of age
- 90968 for patients 2-11 years of age
- 90969 for patients 12-19 years of age
- 90970 for patients 20 years of age and older

**OTHER DIAYSIS PROCEDURES**

- 90999 Unlisted dialysis procedure, inpatient or outpatient

**GASTROENTEROLOGY**

(For gastrointestinal radiologic procedures, see 74210-74363)

(For esophagoscopy procedures, see 43200-43228; upper GI endoscopy 43234-43259; endoscopy, small intestine and stomal 44360-44393; proctosigmoidoscopy 45300-45321; sigmoidoscopy 45330-45339; colonoscopy 45355-45385; anoscopy 46600-46615)

- 91000 Esophageal intubation and collection of washings for cytology, including preparation of specimens (separate procedure)
- 91010 Esophageal motility (manometric study of the esophagus and/or gastroesophageal junction) study;
  - 91011 with mecholyl or similar stimulant
  - 91012 with acid perfusion studies
- 91020 Gastric motility (manometric) studies

- 91022 Duodenal motility (manometric) study  
(If gastrointestinal endoscopy is performed, use 43235)  
(If fluoroscopy is performed, use 76000)  
(If gastric motility study is performed, use 91020)
- 91030 Esophagus, acid perfusion (Bernstein) test for esophagitis
- 91037 Esophageal function test, gastroesophageal reflux test with nasal catheter intraluminal impedance electrode(s) placement, recording, analysis and interpretation  
prolonged (greater than 1 hour, up to 24 hours)
- 91040 Esophageal balloon distension provocation study **(Report required)**  
(For balloon dilatation with endoscopy, see 43220, 43249, 43456, or 43458)
- 91052 Gastric analysis test with injection of stimulant of gastric secretion (eg, histamine, insulin, pentagastrin, calcium and secretin) **(Report required)**  
(For gastric biopsy by capsule, peroral, via tube, one or more specimens, use 43600)
- 91055 Gastric intubation, washings, and preparing slides for cytology (separate procedure)  
(For gastric lavage, therapeutic, use 91105)  
(For biopsy by capsule, small intestine, per oral, via tube [one or more specimens], use 44100)
- 91065 Breath hydrogen test (eg, for detection of lactase deficiency, fructose intolerance; bacterial overgrowth, or oro-cecal gastrointestinal transit)
- 91100 Intestinal bleeding tube, passage, positioning and monitoring
- 91105 Gastric intubation, and aspiration or lavage for treatment (eg, for ingested poisons)  
(For cholangiography, see 47500, 74320)  
(For abdominal paracentesis, see 49080, 49081; with instillation of medication, see 96440, 96445)  
(For peritoneoscopy, use 49320; with biopsy, use 49321)  
(For peritoneoscopy and guided transhepatic cholangiography, use 47560; with biopsy, use 47561)  
(For splenoportography, see 38200, 75810)
- 91110 Gastrointestinal tract imaging, intraluminal (eg, capsule endoscopy), esophagus through ileum, with physician interpretation and report **(Report required)**  
(Visualization of the colon is not reported separately)
- 91120 Rectal sensation, tone, and compliance test (ie, response to graded balloon distention) **(Report required)**
- 91122 Anorectal manometry
- 91299 Unlisted diagnostic gastroenterology procedure

## **OPHTHALMOLOGY**

### **OPHTHALMOLOGICAL DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT SERVICES**

(For surgical procedures, see Surgery Section, Eye and Ocular Adnexa, 65091 et seq)

#### **REPORTING**

See MEDICINE General Information and Rules and special ophthalmology notations below.

To report Evaluation and Management services, wherever performed, use descriptors from the Evaluation and Management Services for Specialists in Ophthalmology listing (99201 et seq).

To report hospital and emergency department medical services, use the descriptors from the Evaluation and Management Services for Specialists in Ophthalmology listing (99221 et seq) unless specific ophthalmological descriptors (92002 et seq) are more appropriate.

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

**INTERMEDIATE OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SERVICES** describes an evaluation of a new or existing condition complicated with a new diagnostic or management problem not necessarily relating to the primary diagnosis, including history, general medical observation, external ocular and adnexal examination and other diagnostic procedures as indicated; may include the use of mydriasis for ophthalmoscopy. Intermediate services in a new patient do not usually include determination of the refractive state but do so in an established patient (92012) who is under continuing active treatment (eg, review of history, external examination, ophthalmoscopy, biomicroscopy for an acute complicated condition (eg, iritis) not requiring comprehensive ophthalmological services or review of interval history, external examination, ophthalmoscopy, biomicroscopy and tonometry in established patient with known cataract not requiring comprehensive ophthalmological services))

**COMPREHENSIVE OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SERVICES** describes a general evaluation of the complete visual system. The comprehensive services constitute a single service entity but need not be performed at one session. The service includes history, general medical observation, external and ophthalmoscopic examination, gross visual fields and basic sensorimotor examination. It often includes, as indicated: biomicroscopy, examination with cycloplegia or mydriasis, tonometry, and includes determination of the refractive state, unless the condition of the media precludes this or it is otherwise contraindicated, as in presence of trauma or severe inflammation. It always includes initiation of diagnostic and treatment programs.

Intermediate and comprehensive ophthalmological services constitute integrated services in which medical decision making cannot be separated from the examining techniques used. Itemization of service components, such as slit lamp examination, keratometry, routine ophthalmoscopy, retinoscopy, tonometry, or motor evaluation is not applicable.

(eg, the comprehensive services required for diagnosis and treatment of a patient with symptoms indicating possible disease of the visual system, such as glaucoma, cataract or retinal disease, or to rule out disease of the visual system, new or established patient)



“Initiation of diagnostic and treatment program” includes the prescription of medication, lenses and other therapy and arranging for special ophthalmological diagnostic or treatment services, consultations, laboratory procedures and radiological services.

**SPECIAL OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SERVICES** describes services in which a special evaluation of part of the visual system is made, which goes beyond the services usually included under general ophthalmological services, or in which special treatment is given. Special ophthalmological services may be reported in addition to the general ophthalmological services or evaluation and management services. (eg, fluorescein angiography or quantitative visual field examination should be separately reported)

Prescription of lenses may be deferred to a subsequent visit, but in any circumstance is not reported separately. (“Prescription of lenses” does not include anatomical facial measurements for or writing of laboratory specifications for spectacles; for spectacle services, see 92340 et seq).

**DETERMINATION OF THE REFRACTIVE STATE:** is the quantitative procedure that yields the refractive data necessary to determine the best visual acuity with lenses and to prescribe lenses. It is not a separate medical procedure, or service entity, but is an integral part of the general ophthalmological services, carried out with reference to other diagnostic procedures. The evaluation of the need for and the prescription of lenses is never based on the refractive state alone. Determination of the refractive state is not reported separately.

Medical diagnostic evaluation by the physician is an integral part of all Ophthalmological services. Technical procedures (which may or may not be performed by the physician personally) are often part of the service, but should not be mistaken to constitute the service itself.

Intermediate and comprehensive ophthalmological services constitute integrated services in which medical diagnostic evaluation cannot be separated from the examining techniques used. Itemization of service components, such as slit lamp examination, keratometry, ophthalmoscopy, retinoscopy, determination of refractive state, tonometry, motor evaluation, etc. is not applicable.

**PRESCRIBING OF POLYCARBONATE LENS(ES):** The prescriber must maintain documentation in the recipient’s clinical file of the recipient’s systemic ailments and ocular pathology which relate to the medical need for one or more polycarbonate lens(es).

### **GENERAL OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SERVICES**

The designation of new or established patient does not preclude the use of a specific level of service. For Evaluation and Management services see 99201 et seq.

Solely for the purposes of distinguishing between new and established patients, professional services are those face-to-face services rendered by a physician and reported by a specific CPT code(s).



**NEW PATIENT:** A new patient is one who has not received any professional services from the physician within the past three years.

- 92002 Ophthalmological services: medical examination and evaluation with initiation of diagnostic and treatment program; intermediate, new patient
- 92004 comprehensive, new patient (includes refraction)

**ESTABLISHED PATIENT:** An established patient is one who has received professional services from the physician within the past three years and whose medical and administrative records are available to the physician.

- 92012 Ophthalmological services: medical examination and evaluation, with initiation or continuation of diagnostic and treatment program; intermediate, established patient (with/without refraction)
- 92014 comprehensive, established patient (with/without refraction)

### **SPECIAL OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SERVICES**

- 92018 Ophthalmological examination and evaluation, under general anesthesia, with or without manipulation of globe for passive range of motion or other manipulation to facilitate diagnostic examination; complete
- 92019 limited
- 92020 Gonioscopy (separate procedure)
- 92025 Computerized corneal topography, unilateral or bilateral, with interpretation and report  
(Do not report 92025 in conjunction with 65710-65755)  
(92025 is not used for manual keratotomy, which is part of a single system evaluation and management or ophthalmological service)
- 92060 Sensorimotor examination with multiple measurements of ocular deviation (eg, restrictive or paretic muscle with diplopia) with interpretation and report (separate procedure)
- 92065 Orthoptic and/or pleoptic training, with continuing medical direction and evaluation
- 92081 Visual field examination, unilateral or bilateral, with interpretation and report; limited examination (eg, tangent screen, Autoplot, arc perimeter, or single stimulus level automated test, such as Octopus 3 or 7 equivalent)
- 92082 intermediate examination (eg, at least 2 isopters on Goldmann perimeter, or semiquantitative, automated suprathreshold screening program, Humphrey suprathreshold automatic diagnostic test, Octopus program 33)
- 92083 extended examination, (eg, Goldmann visual fields with a least 3 isopters plotted and static determination within the central 30 degrees, or quantitative, automated threshold perimetry, Octopus program G-1, 32 or 42, Humphrey visual field analyzer full threshold programs 30-2, 24-2, or 30/60-2)  
  
(Gross visual field testing (eg, confrontation testing) is a part of general ophthalmological services and is not reported separately)

- 92100 Serial tonometry (separate procedure) with multiple measurements of intraocular pressure over an extended time period with interpretation and report, same day (eg, diurnal curve or medical treatment of acute elevation of intraocular pressure)
- 92120 Tonography with interpretation and report, recording indentation tonometer method or perilimbal suction method
- 92130 Tonography with water provocation
- 92135 Scanning computerized ophthalmic diagnostic imaging, posterior segment, (eg, scanning laser) with interpretation and report, unilateral
- 92136 Ophthalmic biometry by partial coherence interferometry with intraocular lens power calculation
- 92140 Provocative tests for glaucoma, with interpretation and report, without tonography

### **OPHTHALMOSCOPY**

Routine ophthalmoscopy is part of general and special ophthalmologic services whenever indicated. It is a non-itemized service and is not reported separately.

- 92225 Ophthalmoscopy, extended, with retinal drawing (eg, for retinal detachment, melanoma), (one or both eyes), with interpretation and report; initial
- 92226           subsequent
- 92230 Fluorescein angiography with interpretation and report (one or both eyes)  
**(Report required)**
- 92235 Fluorescein angiography (includes multiframe imaging) with interpretation and report
- 92240 Indocyanine-green angiography (includes multiframe imaging) with interpretation and report
- 92250 Fundus photography with interpretation and report
- 92260 Ophthalmodynamometry

(For ophthalmoscopy under general anesthesia, see 92018)

### **OTHER SPECIALIZED SERVICES**

Color vision testing with pseudoisochromatic plates is not reported separately. It is included in the appropriate general or ophthalmologic service.

- 92265 Needle oculoelectromyography, one or more extraocular muscles, one or both eyes, with interpretation and report
- 92270 Electro-oculography with interpretation and report
- 92275 Electroretinography with interpretation and report

(For electronystagmography for vestibular function studies, see 92541 et seq)

(For ophthalmic echography (diagnostic ultrasound), see 76511-76529)

- 92286 Special anterior segment photography with interpretation and report; with specular endothelial microscopy and cell count
- 92287           with fluorescein angiography **(Report required)**

### **CONTACT LENS SERVICES**

The prescription of contact lens includes specification of optical and physical characteristics (such as power, size, curvature, flexibility, gas-permeability). It is not a part of the general ophthalmological services. The fitting of contact lens includes instruction and training of the wearer and incidental revision of the lens during the training period. Follow-up of successfully fitted extended wear lenses is reported as part of a general ophthalmological service (92012 et seq).

Contact lenses may be supplied for the treatment of ocular pathology. A written recommendation or prescription by an ophthalmologist or optometrist is always required for contact lenses. The ophthalmologist or optometrist may also fit and dispense contact lenses.

The prescriber must maintain the following documentation in the recipient's clinical file:

- A description of the ocular pathology or medical necessity which provides justification for the recipient's need for contact lenses;
- The best corrected vision both with and without eyeglasses;
- The best corrected vision both with and without contact lenses;
- The refractive error; and
- The date of the last complete eye exam.

92310 Prescription of optical and physical characteristics of and fitting of contact lens, (includes materials) with medical supervision of adaptation (for ocular pathology) ; corneal lens, both eyes, except for aphakia  
(Reimbursement for one eye is limited to \$150.00)  
**(Reimbursement for both eyes requires BR)**

92311 corneal lens for aphakia, one eye

92312 corneal lens for aphakia, both eyes

92313 corneal scleral lens, one eye

92326 Replacement of corneal contact lens

(For surgical use of contact lens, see 68340)

### **OCULAR PROSTHETICS, ARTIFICIAL EYE**

V2623 Prosthetic eye, plastic, custom (includes fitting and supply of ocular prosthesis and clinical supervision of adaptation)

V2624 Polishing/resurfacing of ocular prosthesis

V2625 Enlargement of ocular prosthesis

V2626 Reduction of ocular prosthesis

V2627 Scleral cover shell (when prescribed as an artificial support to a shrunken and sightless eye or as barrier in treatment of severe dry eye) (includes supply of shell, fitting and clinical supervision of adaptation)

**SPECTACLE SERVICES (INCLUDING PROSTHESIS FOR APHAKIA)**

Prescription of spectacles, when required, is an integral part of general ophthalmological services and is not reported separately. It includes specification of lens type (monofocal, bifocal, other), lens power, axis prism, absorptive factor, impact resistance, and other factors.

Fitting of spectacles is a separate service; when provided by the physician, it is reported as indicated by 92340-92358. Fitting includes measurement of anatomical facial characteristics, the writing of laboratory specifications, and the final adjustment of the spectacles to the visual axes and anatomical topography. Presence of physician is not required.

Supply of materials is a separate service component; it is not part of the service of fitting spectacles.

- 92340 Fitting of spectacles, except for aphakia; monofocal
- 92341       bifocal
- 92342       multifocal, other than bifocal
- 92352 Fitting of spectacle prosthesis for aphakia; monofocal
- 92353       multifocal
- 92354 Fitting of spectacle mounted low vision aid; single element system
- 92355       telescopic or other compound lens system
- 92358 Prosthesis service for aphakia, temporary (disposable or loan, including materials)

**SUPPLY OF MATERIALS**

Supply of contact lenses and prosthetics is included in codes 92310-V2627.

- 99070 Supply of spectacles, except prosthesis for aphakia and low vision aids.  
Supply of low vision aids (a low vision aid is any lens or device used to aid or improve visual function in a person whose vision cannot be normalized by conventional spectacle correction, includes reading additions up to 4 D.).  
Supply of permanent prosthesis for aphakia; spectacles.  
**(Report required)**

**OTHER PROCEDURES**

- 92499 Unlisted ophthalmological service or procedure

**SPECIAL OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGIC SERVICES**

Diagnostic or treatment procedures usually included in a comprehensive otorhinolaryngologic evaluation or office visit, are reported as an integrated medical service, using appropriate descriptors from the 99201 series. Itemization of component procedures, (eg, otoscopy, rhinoscopy, tuning fork test) does not apply.

Special otorhinolaryngologic services are those diagnostic and treatment services not usually included in a comprehensive otorhinolaryngologic evaluation or office visit. These services are reported separately, using codes 92502-92700.

All services include medical diagnostic evaluation. Technical procedures (which may or may not be performed by the physician personally) are often part of the service, but should not be mistaken to constitute the service itself.

(For laryngoscopy with stroboscopy, use 31579)

- 92502 Otolaryngologic examination under general anesthesia
- 92506 Evaluation of speech, language, voice, communication, and/ or auditory processing
- 92511 Nasopharyngoscopy with endoscope (separate procedure)

**VESTIBULAR FUNCTION TESTS, WITH OBSERVATION AND EVALUATION BY PHYSICIAN, WITHOUT ELECTRICAL RECORDING**

- 92533 Caloric vestibular test, each irrigation (binaural, bithermal stimulation constitutes four tests)

**VESTIBULAR FUNCTION TESTS, WITH RECORDING (EG, ENG, PENG), AND MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION**

- 92541 Spontaneous nystagmus test, including gaze and fixation nystagmus, with recording
- 92542 Positional nystagmus test, minimum of 4 positions, with recording
- 92543 Caloric vestibular test, each irrigation (binaural, bithermal stimulation constitutes four tests), with recording
- 92544 Optokinetic nystagmus test, bidirectional, foveal or peripheral stimulation, with recording
- 92545 Oscillating tracking test, with recording
- 92546 Sinusoidal vertical axis rotational testing

**AUDIOLOGIC FUNCTION TESTS WITH MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION**

The audiometric tests listed below imply the use of calibrated electronic equipment. Other hearing tests (such as whispered voice, tuning fork) are considered part of the general otorhinolaryngologic services and are not reported separately. All services include testing of both ears.

- 92551 Screening test, pure tone, air only
- 92552 Pure tone audiometry(threshold); air only
- 92553 air and bone
- 92555 Speech audiometry threshold
- 92556 with speech recognition
- 92557 Comprehensive audiometry threshold evaluation and speech recognition (92553 and 92556 combined)
- 92563 Tone decay test
- 92564 Short increment sensitivity index (SISI)
- 92565 Stenger test, pure tone
- 92567 Tympanometry (impedance testing)

- 92568 Acoustic reflex testing; threshold
  - 92569       decay
  - 92571 Filtered speech test
  - 92585 Auditory evoked potentials for evoked response audiometry and/or testing of the central nervous system; comprehensive
  - 92586       limited
  - 92587 Evoked otoacoustic emissions; limited (single stimulus level, either transient or distortion products)
  - 92588       comprehensive or diagnostic evaluation (comparison of transient and/or distortion product otoacoustic emissions at multiple levels and frequencies)
  - 92597 Evaluation for use and/or fitting of voice prosthetic device to supplement oral speech
- (To report augmentative and alternative communication device services, see 92605, 92607, 92608)

### **EVALUATIVE AND THERAPEUTIC SERVICES**

Codes 92601 and 92603 describe post-operative analysis and fitting of previously placed external devices, connection to the cochlear implant, and programming of the stimulator. Codes 92602 and 92604 describe subsequent sessions for measurements and adjustment of the external transmitter and re-programming of the internal stimulator.

(For placement of cochlear implant, use 69930)

- 92601 Diagnostic analysis of cochlear implant, patient younger than 7 years of age; with programming
- 92602       subsequent reprogramming  
(Do not report 92602 in addition to 92601)
- 92603 Diagnostic analysis of cochlear implant, age 7 years or older; with programming
- 92604       subsequent reprogramming  
(Do not report 92604 in addition to 92603)
- 92605 Evaluation for prescription of non-speech-generating augmentative and alternative communication device
- 92606 Therapeutic service(s) for the use of non-speech generating device, including programming and modification **(Report required)**
- 92607 Evaluation for prescription for speech-generating augmentative and alternative communication device, face-to-face with the patient; first hour
- 92608       each additional 30 minutes  
(List separately in addition to primary procedure)  
(Use 92608 in conjunction with 92607)
- 92609 Therapeutic services for the use of speech-generating device, including programming and modification
- 92610 Evaluation of oral and pharyngeal swallowing function

- 92611 Motion fluoroscopic evaluation of swallowing function by cine or video recording  
(For radiological supervision and interpretation, use 74230)  
  
(For flexible fiberoptic diagnostic laryngoscopy, use 31575. Do not report 31575  
in conjunction with 92612-92617)
- 92612 Flexible fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing by cine or video  
recording  
  
(For codes 92612, 92614, 92616, if flexible fiberoptic or endoscopic evaluation of  
swallowing is performed without cine or video recording, use 92700)
- 92613 physician interpretation and report only
- 92614 Flexible fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation, laryngeal sensory testing by cine or  
video recording
- 92615 physician interpretation and report only
- 92616 Flexible fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing and laryngeal sensory  
testing by cine or video recording
- 92617 physician interpretation and report only
- 92700 Unlisted otorhinolaryngological service or procedure

## **CARDIOVASCULAR**

### **THERAPEUTIC SERVICES AND PROCEDURES**

- 92950 Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (eg, in cardiac arrest) (each 15 minute unit of  
time)  
(See also critical care services, 99291, 99292)
- 92953 Temporary transcutaneous pacing
- 92960 Cardioversion, elective, electrical conversion of arrhythmia; external (each 15  
minute unit of time)
- 92961 internal (separate procedure)  
(Do not report 92961 in addition to codes 93282, 93283, 93289, 93292,  
93295, 93662, 93618-93624, 93631, 93640-93642, 93650-93652)
- 92970 Cardioassist-method of circulatory assist; internal
- 92971 external  
  
(For balloon atrial-septostomy, use 92992)  
  
(For placement of catheters for use in circulatory assist devices such as  
intra-aortic balloon pumping, see 33970)
- 92973 Percutaneous transluminal coronarythrombectomy  
(List separately in addition to primary procedure)  
(Use 92973 in conjunction with codes 92980, 92982)

- 92974 Transcatheter placement of radiation delivery device for subsequent coronary intravascular brachytherapy  
(List separately in addition to primary procedure)  
(Use 92974 in conjunction with codes 92980, 92982, 93508)  
  
(For intravascular radioelement application, see 77781 – 77784)
- 92975 Thrombolysis, coronary; by intracoronary infusion, including selective coronary angiography
- 92977 by intravenous infusion  
  
(For thrombolysis of vessels other than coronary, see 37201, 75896)  
(For cerebral thrombolysis, use 37195)
- 92978 Intravascular ultrasound (coronary vessel or graft) during diagnostic evaluation and/or therapeutic intervention including imaging supervision, interpretation and report; initial vessel  
(List separately in addition to primary procedure)
- 92979 each additional vessel  
(List separately in addition to primary procedure)  
(Use 92979 in conjunction with code 92978)  
  
(Intravascular ultrasound services include all transducer manipulations and repositioning within the specific vessel being examined, both before and after therapeutic intervention (eg, stent placement))
- 92980 Transcatheter placement of an intracoronary stent(s), percutaneous, with or without other therapeutic intervention, any method; single vessel
- 92981 each additional vessel  
(List separately in addition to primary procedure)  
(Use 92981 in conjunction with code 92980)  
  
(Codes 92980, 92981 are used to report coronary artery stenting. Coronary angioplasty (92982, 92984) or atherectomy (92995, 92996), in the same artery, is considered part of the stenting procedure and is not reported separately. Codes 92973 (percutaneous transluminal coronary thrombectomy), 92974 (coronary brachytherapy) and 92978, 92979 (intravascular ultrasound) are add-on codes for reporting procedures performed in addition to coronary stenting, atherectomy, and angioplasty and are not included in the "therapeutic interventions" in 92980)  
  
(To report additional vessels treated by angioplasty or atherectomy only during the same session, see 92984, 92996)  
  
(To report transcatheter placement of radiation delivery device for coronary intravascular brachytherapy, use 92974)  
  
(For intravascular radioelement application, see 77781- 77784)



92982 Percutaneous transluminal coronary balloon angioplasty; single vessel  
92984 each additional vessel  
(List separately in addition to primary procedure)  
(Use 92984 in conjunction with 92980, 92982, 92995)  
  
(For stent placement following completion of angioplasty or atherectomy, see 92980, 92981)

(To report transcatheter placement of radiation delivery device for coronary intravascular brachytherapy, use 92974)

(For intravascular radioelement application, see 77781-77784)

92986 Percutaneous balloon valvuloplasty; aortic valve  
92987 mitral valve  
92990 pulmonary valve  
92992 Atrial septectomy or septostomy; transvenous method, balloon, (eg, Rashkind type) (includes cardiac catheterization)  
92993 blade method (Park septostomy) (includes cardiac catheterization)  
92995 Percutaneous transluminal coronary atherectomy, by mechanical or other method, with or without balloon angioplasty; single vessel  
92996 each additional vessel  
(List separately in addition to primary procedure)  
(Use 92996 in conjunction with 92980, 92982, 92995)

(For stent placement following completion of angioplasty or atherectomy, see 92980, 92981)

(To report additional vessels treated by angioplasty only during the same session, use 92984)

92997 Percutaneous transluminal pulmonary artery balloon angioplasty; single vessel  
92998 each additional vessel  
(List separately in addition to primary procedure)  
(Use 92998 in conjunction with 92997)

## **CARDIOGRAPHY**

(For echocardiography, see 93303-93350)

93000 Electrocardiogram, routine ECG with at least 12 leads; with interpretation and report  
93010 interpretation and report only  
93014 Telephonic transmission of post-symptom electrocardiogram rhythm strip(s), 24-hour attended monitoring, per 30 day period of time; physician review with interpretation and report.

- 93015 Cardiovascular stress test using maximal or submaximal treadmill or bicycle exercise; continuous electrocardiographic monitoring, and/or pharmacological stress, with physician supervision, with interpretation and report
- 93016       physician supervision only without interpretation and report
- 93018       interpretation and report only
- 93024 Ergonovine provocation test (**Report required**)
- 93025 Microvolt T-wave alternans for assessment of ventricular arrhythmias
- 93040 Rhythm ECG, one to three leads; with interpretation and report
- 93224 Wearable electrocardiographic rhythm derived monitoring for 24 hours by continuous original waveform recording and storage, with visual superimposition scanning; includes recording, scanning analysis with report, physician review and interpretation
- 93227       physician review and interpretation
- 93230 Wearable electrocardiographic rhythm derived monitoring for 24 hours by continuous original ECG waveform recording and storage, without superimposition scanning utilizing a device capable of producing a full miniaturized printout; includes recording, microprocessor-based analysis with report, physician review and interpretation
- 93233       physician review and interpretation
- 93235 Wearable electrocardiographic rhythm derived monitoring for 24 hours by continuous computerized monitoring and non-continuous recording, and real-time data analysis utilizing a device capable of producing intermittent full-sized waveform tracings, possibly patient activated; includes monitoring and real time data analysis with report, physician review and interpretation
- 93237       physician review and interpretation
- 93268 Wearable patient activated electrocardiographic rhythm derived event recording with presymptom memory loop, 24 hour attended monitoring per 30-day period of time; (**complete procedure**) includes transmission, physician review and interpretation
- 93272       physician review and interpretation
- (For implanted patient activated cardiac event recording, see 33282, 93285, 93291, 93298)
- 93278 Signal-averaged electrocardiography (SAECG), with or without ECG (For interpretation and report only, see modifier -26)

### **CARDIOVASCULAR DEVICE MONITORING-IMPLANTABLE AND WEARABLE DEVICES**

- 93279 Programming device evaluation with iterative adjustment of the implantable device to test the function of the device and select optimal permanent programmed values with physician analysis, review and report; single lead pacemaker system (Do not report 93279 in conjunction with 93286, 93288)
- 93280       dual lead pacemaker system  
(Do not report 93280 in conjunction with 93286, 93288)

- 93281** multiple lead pacemaker system  
(Do not report 93281 in conjunction with 93286, 93288)
- 93282** single lead implantable cardioverter-defibrillator system  
(Do not report 93282 in conjunction with 93287, 93289)
- 93283** dual lead implantable cardioverter-defibrillator system  
(Do not report 93283 in conjunction with 93287, 93289)
- 93284** multiple lead implantable cardioverter-defibrillator system  
(Do not report 93284 in conjunction with 93287, 93289)
- 93285** implantable loop recorder system  
(Do not report 93285 in conjunction with 33282, 93279, 93284, 93291)
- 93286** Peri-procedural device evaluation and programming of device system parameters before or after a surgery, procedure, or test with physician analysis, review and report; single, dual, or multiple lead pacemaker system  
(Report 93286 once before and once after surgery, procedure, or test, when device evaluation and programming is performed before and after surgery, procedure, or test)  
(Do not report 93286 in conjunction with 93279-93281, 93288)
- 93287** single, dual, or multiple lead implantable cardioverter-defibrillator system  
(Report 93287 once before and once after surgery, procedure, or test, when device evaluation and programming is performed before and after surgery, procedure, or test)  
(Do not report 93287 in conjunction with 93282-93284, 93289)
- 93288** Interrogation device evaluation (in person) with physician analysis, review and report, includes connection, recording and disconnection per patient encounter; single, dual, or multiple lead pacemaker system  
(Do not report 93288 in conjunction with 93279-93281, 93286, 93294)
- 93289** single, dual, or multiple lead implantable cardioverter-defibrillator system, including analysis of heart rhythm derived data elements  
(Do not report 93289 in conjunction with 93282-93284, 93287, 93295)
- 93290** implantable cardiovascular monitor system, including analysis of 1 or more recorded physiologic cardiovascular data elements from all internal and external sensors  
(For heart rhythm derived data elements, use 93289)  
(Do not report 93290 in conjunction with 93297, 93299)
- 93291** implantable loop recorder system, including heart rhythm derived data analysis  
(Do not report 93291 in conjunction with 33282, 93288-93290, 93298)
- 93292** wearable defibrillator system

- 93293** Transtelephonic rhythm strip pacemaker evaluation(s) single, dual, or multiple lead pacemaker system, includes recording with and without magnet application with physician analysis, review and report(s), up to 90 days  
(Do not report 93293 in conjunction with 93294)  
(Report 93293 only once per 90 days)
- 93294** Interrogation device evaluation(s) (remote), up to 90 days; single, dual, or multiple lead pacemaker system with interim physician analysis, review(s) and report(s)  
(Do not report 93294 in conjunction with 93288, 93293)  
(Report 93294 only once per 90 days)
- 93295** single, dual, or multiple lead implantable cardioverter-defibrillator system with interim physician analysis, review(s) and report(s)  
(Do not report 93295 in conjunction with 93289)  
(Report 93295 only once per 90 days)
- 93297** Interrogation device evaluation(s), (remote) up to 30 days; implantable cardiovascular monitor system, including analysis of 1 or more recorded physiologic cardiovascular data elements from all internal and external sensors, physician analysis, review(s) and report(s)  
(For heart rhythm derived data elements, use 93295)  
(Do not report 93297 in conjunction with 93290, 93298)  
(Report 93297 only once per 30 days)
- 93298** implantable loop recorder system, including analysis of recorded heart rhythm data, physician analysis, review(s) and report(s)  
(Do not report 93298 in conjunction with 93291, 93297)  
(Report 93298 only once per 30 days)

### **ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY**

For procedure codes 93303-93350, See Radiology Section General Instructions and General Information and Rules. When more than one radiology procedure is performed during the same patient encounter, reimbursement shall be limited to the greater fee plus 60% of the lesser fees. (Echocardiography includes obtaining ultrasonic signals from the heart and great arteries, with two-dimensional image and/or Doppler ultrasonic signal documentation, interpretation and report. When interpretation is performed separately, use modifier -26.)

(For fetal echocardiography, see 76825-76828)

- 93303** Transthoracic echocardiography for congenital cardiac anomalies; complete  
**93304** follow-up or limited study
- 93306** Echocardiography, transthoracic, real-time with image documentation (2d), includes m-mode recording, when performed, complete, with spectral doppler echocardiography, and with color flow doppler echocardiography  
(For transthoracic echocardiography without spectral and color doppler, use 93307)

- 93307 Echocardiography, transthoracic, real-time with image documentation (2D), includes M-mode recording, when performed, complete, without spectral or color Doppler echocardiography
- 93308 follow-up or limited study
- 93312 Echocardiography, transesophageal, real time with image documentation (2D) (with or without M-Mode recording); including probe placement, image acquisition, interpretation and report
- 93313 placement of transesophageal probe only
- 93314 image acquisition, interpretation and report only
- 93315 Transesophageal echocardiography for congenital cardiac anomalies; including probe placement, image acquisition, interpretation and report
- 93316 placement of transesophageal probe only
- 93317 image acquisition, interpretation and report only
- 93318 Echocardiography, transesophageal (TEE) for monitoring purposes, including probe placement, real time 2-dimensional image acquisition and interpretation leading to ongoing (continuous) assessment of (dynamically changing) cardiac pumping function and to therapeutic measures on an immediate time basis
- 93320 Doppler echocardiography, pulsed wave and/or continuous wave with spectra1 display; complete
- 93321 follow-up or limited study
- (Use 93320, 93321 separately in addition to codes for echocardiographic imaging 93303, 93304, 93307, 93308, 93312, 93314, 93315, 93316, 93317, 93350)
- 93350 Echocardiography, transthoracic, real time with image documentation (2D), includes M-mode recording, when performed, during rest and cardiovascular stress test using treadmill, bicycle exercise and/or pharmacologically induced stress, with interpretation and report
- (The appropriate stress testing code(s) from the 93015-93018 series should be reported in addition to 93350 to capture the exercise stress portion of the study)
- 93351** including performance of continuous electrocardiographic monitoring, with physician supervision
- (Do not report 93351 in conjunction with 93015-93018, 93350)

### **CARDIAC CATHETERIZATION**

Cardiac catheterization procedures include introduction, positioning and repositioning when necessary, of catheter(s), recording of intracardiac and intravascular pressure, obtaining blood samples for measurement of blood gases or dilution curves and cardiac output measurements (Fick or other method, with or without rest and exercise and/or other studies) with or without electrode catheter placement, final evaluation and report. When selective injection procedures are performed without a preceding cardiac catheterization, these services should be reported using codes in the Vascular Injection Procedures section, 36011-36015 and 36215-36218.

When coronary artery, arterial coronary conduit or venous bypass graft angiography is performed without concomitant left heart cardiac catheterization, use 93508. Injection procedures 93539, 93540, 93544, and 93545 represent separate identifiable services and may be coded in conjunction with one another in addition to code 93508, as appropriate. To report imaging supervision, interpretation and report in conjunction with code 93508, use code 93556.

- 93501 Right heart catheterization  
(For bundle of His recording, see 93600)
- 93503 Insertion and placement of flow directed catheter (eg, Swan-Ganz) for monitoring purposes
- 93505 Endomyocardial biopsy
- 93508 Catheter placement in coronary artery(s), arterial coronary conduit(s); and/or venous coronary bypass graft(s) for coronary angiography without concomitant left heart catheterization  
(93508 is to be used only when left heart catheterization 93510, 93511, 93524, 93526 is not performed)  
(93508 is to be used only once per procedure)  
  
(To report transcatheter placement of radiation delivery device for coronary intravascular brachytherapy, use 92974)  
  
(For intravascular radioelement application, see 77781- 77784)
- 93510 Left heart catheterization, retrograde, from the brachial artery, axillary artery or femoral artery; percutaneous
- 93511       by cutdown
- 93514 Left heart catheterization by left ventricular puncture
- 93524 Combined transseptal and retrograde left heart catheterization
- 93526 Combined right heart catheterization and retrograde left heart catheterization
- 93527 Combined right heart catheterization and transseptal left heart catheterization through intact septum (with or without retrograde left heart catheterization)
- 93528 Combined right heart catheterization with left ventricular puncture (with or without retrograde left heart catheterization)
- 93529 Combined right heart catheterization and left heart catheterization through existing septal opening (with or without retrograde left heart catheterization)
- 93530 Right heart catheterization, for congenital cardiac anomalies
- 93531 Combined right heart catheterization and retrograde left heart catheterization, for congenital cardiac anomalies
- 93532 Combined right heart catheterization and transseptal left heart catheterization through intact septum with or without retrograde left heart catheterization, for congenital cardiac anomalies
- 93533 Combined right heart catheterization and transseptal left heart catheterization through existing septal opening, with or without retrograde left heart catheterization, for congenital cardiac anomalies

**INJECTION PROCEDURES**

When injection procedures are performed in conjunction with cardiac catheterization, these services do not include introduction of catheters but do include repositioning of catheters when necessary and use of automatic power injectors. Injection procedures 93539-93545 represent separate identifiable services and may be coded in conjunction with one another when appropriate. The technical details of angiography, supervision of filming and processing, interpretation and report are not included. To report imaging supervision, interpretation and report, use code 93555 and/or 93556.

- 93539 Injection procedure during cardiac catheterization; for selective opacification of arterial conduits (eg, internal mammary), whether native or used for bypass
- 93540 for selective opacification of aortocoronary venous bypass grafts, one or more coronary arteries
- 93541 for pulmonary angiography
- 93542 for selective right ventricular or right atrial angiography
- 93543 for selective left ventricular or left atrial angiography
- 93544 for aortography
- 93545 for selective coronary angiography (injection of radiopaque material may be by hand)
- 93555 Imaging supervision, interpretation and report for injection procedure(s) during cardiac catheterization; ventricular and/or atrial angiography
- 93556 pulmonary angiography, aortography, and/or selective coronary angiography including venous bypass grafts and arterial conduits (whether native or used in bypass)  
  
(Codes 93561 & 93562 are not to be used with cardiac catheterization codes)
- 93561 Indicator dilution studies such as dye or thermal dilution, including arterial and/or venous catheterization; with cardiac output measurement (separate procedure)
- 93562 subsequent measurement of cardiac output  
  
(For radioisotope method of cardiac output, see 78472, 78473 or 78481)
- 93571 Intravascular doppler velocity and/or pressure derived coronary flow reserve measurement (coronary vessel or graft) during coronary angiography including pharmacologically induced stress; initial vessel  
(List separately in addition to primary procedure)
- 93572 each additional vessel  
(List separately in addition to primary procedure)

(Intravascular distal coronary blood flow velocity measurements include all Doppler transducer manipulations and repositioning within the specific vessel being examined, during coronary angioplasty or therapeutic intervention (eg, angioplasty))

### **REPAIR OF SEPTAL DEFECT**

- 93580 Percutaneous transcatheter closure of congenital interatrial communication (ie, fontan fenestration, atrial septal defect) with implant  
(Percutaneous transcatheter closure of atrial septal defect includes a right heart catheterization procedure. Code 93580 includes injection of contrast for atrial and ventricular angiograms. Codes 93501, 93529-93533, 93539, 93543, 93555 should not be reported separately in addition to code 93580)
- 93581 Percutaneous transcatheter closure of a congenital ventricular septal defect with implant  
(Percutaneous transcatheter closure of ventricular septal defect includes a right heart catheterization procedure. Code 93581 includes injection of contrast for atrial and ventricular angiograms. Codes 93501, 93529-93533, 93539, 93543, 93555 should not be reported separately in addition to code 93581)  
  
(For echocardiographic services performed in addition to 93580, 93581, see 93303-93317, 93662 as appropriate)

### **INTRACARDIAC ELECTROPHYSIOLOGICAL PROCEDURES/STUDIES**

Intracardiac electrophysiologic studies (EPS) are an invasive diagnostic medical procedure which include the insertion and repositioning of electrode catheters, recording of electrograms before and during pacing or programmed stimulation of multiple locations in the heart, analysis of recorded information, and report of the procedure.

Electrophysiologic studies are most often performed with two or more electrode catheters. In many circumstances, patients with arrhythmias are evaluated and treated at the same encounter. In this situation, a diagnostic *electrophysiologic study* is performed, induced tachycardia(s) are *mapped*, and on the basis of the diagnostic and mapping information, the tissue is *ablated*. Electrophysiologic study(ies), mapping, and ablation represent distinctly different procedures, requiring individual reporting whether performed on the same or subsequent dates.

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

**ARRHYTHMIA INDUCTION:** In most electrophysiologic studies, an attempt is made to induce arrhythmia(s) from single or multiple sites within the heart. Arrhythmia induction is achieved by performing pacing at different rates, programmed stimulation (introduction of critically timed electrical impulses), and other techniques. Because arrhythmia induction occurs via the same catheter(s) inserted for the electrophysiologic study(ies), catheter insertion and temporary pacemaker codes are not additionally reported. Codes 93600-93603, 93610-93612 and 93618 are used to describe unusual situations where there may be recording, pacing or an attempt at arrhythmia induction from only one site in the heart. Code 93619 describes only evaluation of the sinus node, atrioventricular node and His-Purkinje conduction system, without arrhythmia induction. Codes 93620-93624 and 93640-93642 all include recording, pacing and attempted arrhythmia induction from one or more site(s) in the heart.



**MAPPING:** Mapping is a distinct procedure performed in addition to a diagnostic electrophysiologic procedure and should be separately reported using code 93609. When a tachycardia is induced, the site of tachycardia origination or its electrical path through the heart is often defined by mapping. Mapping creates a multidimensional depiction of a tachycardia by recording multiple electrograms obtained sequentially or simultaneously from multiple catheter sites in the heart. Depending upon the technique, certain types of mapping catheters may be repositioned from point-to-point within the heart, allowing sequential recording from the various sites to construct maps. Other types of mapping catheters allow mapping without a point-to-point technique by the allowing simultaneous recording from many electrodes on the same catheter and computer-assisted three dimensional reconstruction of the tachycardia activation sequence.

**ABLATION:** Once the part of the heart involved in the tachycardia is localized, the tachycardia may be treated by ablation (the delivery of a radiofrequency energy to the area to selectively destroy cardiac tissue). Ablation procedures (93651-93652) may be performed: independently on a date subsequent to a diagnostic electrophysiologic study and mapping; or, at the time a diagnostic electrophysiologic study, tachycardia(s) induction and mapping is performed. When an electrophysiologic study, mapping, and ablation are performed on the same date, each procedure should be separately reported. In reporting catheter ablation, code 93651 and/or 93652 should be reported once to describe ablation of cardiac arrhythmias, regardless of the number of arrhythmias ablated.

- 93600 Bundle of His recording
- 93602 Intra-atrial recording
- 93603 Right ventricular recording
- 93609 Intraventricular and/or intra-atrial mapping of tachycardia site(s) with catheter manipulation to record from multiple sites to identify origin of tachycardia  
(List separately in addition to primary procedure)  
(Use 93609 in conjunction with codes 93620, 93651, 93652)
- 93610 Intra-atrial pacing
- 93612 Intraventricular pacing  
(Do not report 93612 in conjunction with codes 93620-93622)
- 93615 Esophageal recording of atrial electrogram with or without ventricular electrogram(s);
- 93616       with pacing
- 93618       Induction of arrhythmia by electrical pacing
- 93619 Comprehensive electrophysiologic evaluation with right atrial pacing and recording, right ventricular pacing and recording, HIS bundle recording, including insertion and repositioning of multiple electrode catheters, without induction or attempted induction of arrhythmia  
(Do not report 93619 in conjunction with 93600, 93602, 93610, 93612, 93618, or 93620-93622)

- 93620 Comprehensive electrophysiologic evaluation including insertion and repositioning of multiple electrode catheters with induction or attempted induction of arrhythmia; with right atrial pacing and recording, right ventricular pacing and recording, HIS bundle recording  
(Do not report 93620 in conjunction with 93600, 93602, 93610 93612, 93618 or 93619)
- 93621 with left atrial pacing and recordings from coronary sinus or left atrium  
(List separately in addition to primary procedure)  
(Use 93621 in conjunction with code 93620)
- 93622 with left ventricular pacing and recordings  
(List separately in addition to primary procedure)  
(Use 93622 in conjunction with codes 93620)
- 93623 Programmed stimulation and pacing after intravenous drug infusion  
(List separately in addition to primary procedure)  
(Use this code with 93620, 93621, 93622)
- 93624 Electrophysiologic follow-up study with pacing and recording to test effectiveness of therapy, including induction or attempted induction of arrhythmia
- 93631 Intra-operative epicardial and endocardial pacing and mapping to localize the site of tachycardia or zone of slow conduction for surgical correction
- 93640 Electrophysiologic evaluation of single or dual chamber pacing cardioverter-defibrillator leads including defibrillation threshold evaluation (induction of arrhythmia, evaluation of sensing and pacing for arrhythmia termination) at time of initial implantation or replacement;
- 93641 with testing of single or dual chamber pacing cardioverter-defibrillator pulse generator
- 93642 Electrophysiologic evaluation of single or dual chamber pacing cardioverter-defibrillator (includes defibrillation threshold evaluation, induction of arrhythmia, evaluation of sensing and pacing for arrhythmia termination, and programming or reprogramming of sensing or therapeutic parameters)
- 93650 Intracardiac catheter ablation of atrioventricular node function, atrioventricular conduction for creation of complete heart block, with or without temporary pacemaker placement
- 93651 Intracardiac catheter ablation of arrhythmogenic focus; for treatment of supraventricular tachycardia by ablation of fast or slow atrioventricular pathways, accessory atrioventricular connections or other atrial foci, singly or in combination
- 93652 for treatment of ventricular tachycardia
- 93660 Evaluation of cardiovascular function with tilt table evaluation, with continuous ECG monitoring and intermittent blood pressure monitoring, with or without pharmacological intervention  
(For testing of autonomic nervous system function, see 95921-95923)

- 93662 Intracardiac echocardiography during therapeutic/diagnostic intervention, including imaging supervision and interpretation  
(List separately in addition to primary procedure)  
(Use 93662 in conjunction with 93621, 93622, 93651, or 93652, as appropriate)  
(Do not report 92961 in addition to code 93662)

### **NONINVASIVE PHYSIOLOGIC STUDIES AND PROCEDURES**

(For radiographic injection procedures, see 36000-36299; for chemotherapy injection procedures, see 96405-96549; for arterial cannulization and recording of direct arterial pressure, see 36620; for vascular cannulization for hemodialysis, see 36800-36821)

- 93701 Bioimpedance, thoracic; electrical  
93720 Plethysmography, total body; with interpretation and report  
93722                   interpretation and report only  
93724 Electronic analysis of antitachycardia pacemaker system (includes electrocardiographic recording, programming of device, induction and termination of tachycardia via implanted pacemaker, and interpretation of recordings)  
93740 Temperature gradient studies (**Report required**)  
93770 Determination of venous pressure  
  
(For central venous cannulization and pressure measurements, see 36555-36556, 36500)  
93784 Ambulatory blood pressure monitoring, utilizing a system such as magnetic tape and/or computer disk, for 24 hours or longer; including recording, scanning analysis, interpretation and report  
93790                   physician review with interpretation and report  
93799 Unlisted cardiovascular service or procedure

### **NONINVASIVE VASCULAR DIAGNOSTIC STUDIES**

For procedure codes 93875-93990, see Radiology Section General Instructions and General Information and Rules.

Vascular studies include patient care required to perform the studies, supervision of the studies and interpretation of study results with copies for patient records of hard copy output with analysis of all data, including bidirectional vascular flow or imaging when provided. The use of a simple hand-held or other Doppler device that does not produce hard copy output, or that produces a record that does not permit analysis of bidirectional vascular flow, is considered to be part of the physical examination of the vascular system and is not separately reported.

Duplex scan (eg, 93880, 93882): Describes an ultrasonic scanning procedure for characterizing the pattern and direction of blood flow in arteries or veins with the production of real time images integrating B-mode two-dimensional vascular structure with spectral and/or color flow Doppler mapping or imaging.

Non-invasive physiologic studies are performed using equipment separate and distinct from the duplex scanner. Codes 93875, 93922, 93923 and 93924, 93965 describe the evaluation of non-imaging physiologic recordings of pressures, Doppler analysis of bi-directional blood flow, plethysmography, and/or oxygen tension measurements appropriate for the anatomic area studied.

**CEREBROVASCULAR ARTERIAL STUDIES**

- 93875 Non-invasive physiologic studies of extracranial arteries, complete bilateral study, (eg, periorbital flow direction with arterial compression, ocular pneumoplethysmography, Doppler ultrasound spectral analysis)
- 93880 Duplex scan of extracranial arteries; complete bilateral study
- 93882 unilateral or limited study
- 93886 Transcranial Doppler study of the intracranial arteries; complete study
- 93888 limited study
- 93890 Transcranial doppler study of the intracranial arteries; vasoreactivity study
- 93892 emboli detection without intravenous microbubble injection
- 93893 emboli detection with intravenous microbubble injection

**EXTREMITY ARTERIAL STUDIES (INCLUDING DIGITS)**

- 93922 Noninvasive physiologic studies of upper or lower extremity arteries, single level, bilateral (eg, ankle/brachial indices, Doppler waveform analysis, volume plethysmography, transcutaneous oxygen tension measurement)
- 93923 Noninvasive physiologic studies of upper or lower extremity arteries, multiple levels or with provocative functional maneuvers, complete bilateral study (eg, segmental blood pressure measurements, segmental Doppler waveform analysis, segmental volume plethysmography, segmental transcutaneous oxygen tension measurements, measurements with posturalprovocative tests, measurements with reactive hyperemia)
- 93924 Noninvasive physiologic studies of lower extremity arteries, at rest and following treadmill stress testing, complete bilateral study
- 93925 Duplex scan of lower extremity arteries or arterial bypass grafts; complete bilateral study
- 93926 unilateral or limited study
- 93930 Duplex scan of upper extremity arteries or arterial bypass grafts; complete bilateral study
- 93931 unilateral or limited study

**EXTREMITY VEIN STUDIES (INCLUDING DIGITS)**

- 93965 Non-invasive physiologic studies of extremity veins, complete bilateral study (eg, Doppler waveform analysis with responses to compression and other maneuvers, phleborheography, impedance plethysmography)
- 93970 Duplex scan of extremity veins including responses to compression and other maneuvers; complete bilateral study
- 93971 unilateral or limited study

**VISCERAL AND PENILE VASCULAR STUDIES**

- 93975 Duplex scan of arterial inflow and venous outflow of abdominal, pelvic, scrotal contents and/or retroperitoneal organs; complete study
- 93976           limited study
- 93978 Duplex scan of aorta, inferior vena cava, iliac vasculature, or bypass grafts; complete study
- 93979           unilateral or limited study
- 93980 Duplex scan of arterial inflow and venous outflow of penile vessels; complete study
- 93981           unilateral or limited study
- 93982** Noninvasive physiologic study of implanted wireless pressure sensor in aneurysmal sac following endovascular repair, complete study including recording, analysis of pressure and waveform tracings, interpretation and report

**EXTREMITY ARTERIAL-VEIN STUDIES**

- 93990 Duplex scan of hemodialysis access (including arterial inflow, body of access and venous outflow)

**PULMONARY**

Codes 94010-94799 include laboratory procedure(s), interpretation and physician's services (except surgical and anesthesia services as listed in the SURGERY section), unless otherwise stated. If a separate identifiable Evaluation and Management service is performed, the appropriate E/M service code should be reported in addition to 94010-94799.

(For bronchoscopy, see 31622-31656)

(For placement of flow directed catheter, see 93503; for central venous catheter placement, see 36555-36556, 36568-36569, 36580, 36584)

(For arterial puncture or catheterization, see 36600, 36620)

(For thoracentesis, see 32000)

(For phlebotomy, therapeutic, see 99195)

(For lung biopsy, needle, see 32405)

(For endotracheal intubation, see 31500)

- 94010 Spirometry, including graphic record, total and timed vital capacity, expiratory flow rate measurement(s), with or without maximal voluntary ventilation
- 94014 Patient-initiated spirometric recording per 30-day period of time; includes reinforced education, transmission of spirometric tracing, data capture, analysis of transmitted data, periodic recalibration and physician review and interpretation
- 94016           physician review and interpretation only
- 94060 Bronchodilation responsiveness, spirometry as in 94010, pre- and post-bronchodilator administration

(For prolonged exercise test for bronchospasm with pre and post-spirometry use 94620)

- 94070 Bronchospasm provocation evaluation, multiple spirometric determinations as in 94010, with administered agents (eg antigen(s), cold air, methacholine)
- 94150 Vital capacity, total (separate procedure)
- 94200 Maximum breathing capacity, maximal voluntary ventilation
- 94240 Functional residual capacity or residual volume: helium method, nitrogen open circuit method, or other method
- 94250 Expired gas collection, quantitative, single procedure (separate procedure)
- 94260 Thoracic gas volume
- 94350 Determination of maldistribution of inspired gas: multiple breath nitrogen washout curve including alveolar nitrogen or helium equilibration time
- 94360 Determination of resistance to airflow, oscillatory or plethysmographic methods
- 94370 Determination of airway closing volume, single breath tests
- 94375 Respiratory flow volume loop
- 94610** Intrapulmonary surfactant administration by a physician through endotracheal tube
- 94620 Pulmonary stress testing; simple (eg, 6-minute walk test, prolonged exercise test for bronchospasm with pre- and post-spirometry and oximetry)
- 94621        complex (including measurements of CO<sub>2</sub> production, O<sub>2</sub> uptake, and electrocardiographic recordings)
- 94640 Pressurized or nonpressurized inhalation treatment for acute airway obstruction or for sputum induction for diagnostic purposes (eg, with an aerosol generator, nebulizer, metered dose inhaler or intermittent positive pressure breathing (IPPB) device)
- 94642 Aerosol inhalation of pentamidine for pneumocystis carinii pneumonia treatment for prophylaxis
- 94644** Continuous inhalation treatment with aerosol medication for acute airway obstruction; first hour  
(For services of less than 1 hour, use 94640)
- 94645**        each additional hour  
(List separately in addition to primary procedure)  
(Use 94645 in conjunction with 94644)
- 94664 Demonstration and/or evaluation of patient utilization of an aerosol generator, nebulizer, metered dose inhaler or IPPB device  
(94664 can be reported one time only per day of service)
- 94680 Oxygen uptake, expired gas analysis; rest and exercise, direct, simple
- 94681        including CO<sub>2</sub> output, percentage oxygen extracted
- 94690        rest, indirect (separate procedure)
- 94720 Carbon monoxide diffusing capacity (single breath, steady state)
- 94725 Membrane diffusion capacity
- 94750 Pulmonary compliance study (plethysmography, volume and pressure measurements)
- 94770 Carbon dioxide, expired gas determination by infrared analyzer (**Report required**)

- 94772 Circadian respiratory pattern recording (pediatric pneumogram), 12 to 24 hour continuous recording, infant (includes interpretation and report)  
(Separate procedure codes for electromyograms, EEG, ECG, and recordings of respiration are excluded when 94772 is reported)
- 94777 Pediatric home apnea monitoring event recording including respiratory rate, pattern and heart rate per 30-day period of time; physician review, interpretation and preparation of report only
- 94799 Unlisted pulmonary service or procedure

## **ALLERGY AND CLINICAL IMMUNOLOGY**

### **DEFINITIONS:**

**ALLERGY SENSITIVITY TESTS:** the performance and evaluation of selective cutaneous and mucous membrane tests in correlation with the history, physical examination, and other observations of the patient. The number of tests performed should be judicious and dependent upon the history, physical findings, and clinical judgment. All patients should not necessarily receive the same tests nor the same number of sensitivity tests. Maximum fees include observation and interpretation of the tests by a physician. In routine office practice, any of the following items may be billed in addition to the appropriate visit codes.

**IMMUNOTHERAPY (Desensitization, Hyposensitization):** the parenteral administration of allergenic extracts as antigens at periodic intervals, usually on an increasing dosage scale to a dosage which is maintained as maintenance therapy. Indications for immunotherapy are determined by appropriate diagnostic procedures coordinated with clinical judgment and knowledge of the natural history of allergic diseases.

For professional services for allergen immunotherapy not including provision of allergenic extracts, see appropriate Evaluation and Management code.

## **ALLERGY TESTING**

(For allergy laboratory tests, see 86000-86999)

(For therapy for severe or intractable allergic disease, see 90765-90768, 90772, 90774, 90775)

- 95004 Percutaneous tests (scratch, puncture, prick) with allergenic extracts, immediate type reaction, including test interpretation and report by a physician, specify number of tests  
**(Note:** Must bill with paper claim. Report total number of tests in Field 24E on the claims form. Calculate total amount due as follows: 0.50 for each test up to 60 tests and 0.25 for each test over 60 tests).
- 95010 Percutaneous tests (scratch, puncture, prick) sequential and incremental, with drugs, biologicals or venoms, immediate type reaction, including test interpretation and report by a physician, specify number of tests
- 95015 Intracutaneous (intra-dermal) tests, sequential and incremental, with drugs, biologicals, or venoms, immediate type reaction, including test interpretation and report by a physician, specify number of tests

- 95024 Intracutaneous (intra-dermal) tests with allergenic extracts, immediate type reaction, including test interpretation and report by a physician, specify number of tests
- 95028 Intracutaneous (intra-dermal) tests with allergenic extracts, delayed type reaction, including reading, specify number of tests
- 95044 Patch or application test(s) (up to 10 tests) (Specify number of tests)
- 95060 Ophthalmic mucous membrane tests
- 95065 Direct nasal mucous membrane test

### **SENSITIVITY TESTING**

(Maximum fees include reading of test)

- 86485 Skin test, candida
- 86486** unlisted antigen, each
- 86490 coccidioidomycosis
- 86510 histoplasmosis
- 86580 tuberculosis, intradermal

### **ALLERGEN IMMUNOTHERAPY**

Codes 95120-95180 include the professional services necessary for allergen immunotherapy. Office Evaluation and Management codes may be used in addition to allergen immunotherapy if, and only if, other identifiable services are provided at that time.

- 95120 Professional services for allergen immunotherapy in prescribing physician's office or institution, including provision of allergenic extract; single injection
- 95125 two or more injections (specify number of injections)
- 95130 single stinging insect venom
- 95131 two stinging insect venoms
- 95132 three stinging insect venoms
- 95133 four stinging insect venoms
- 95134 five stinging insect venoms
- 95165 Professional services for the supervision of preparation and provision of antigens for allergen immunotherapy; (to be administered by or under the supervision of another physician) single or multiple antigens, multiple dose vial(s), (Specify number of **VIALS**)
- 95180 Rapid desensitization procedure, each hour (eg, insulin, penicillin, equine serum)

### **NEUROLOGY AND NEUROMUSCULAR PROCEDURES**

Neurologic services are typically consultative, and any of the levels of consultation (99241-99255) may be appropriate. In addition, services and skills outlined under Evaluation and Management levels of service appropriate to neurologic illnesses should be coded similarly.

All services listed below (95805-95829) include recording, interpretation by a physician and report. For interpretation only, use modifier -26.

- (For ambulatory 24 hour EEG monitoring, see 95950)
- (For EEG during nonintracranial surgery, use 95955)
- (For WADA activation test, use 95958)



## **SLEEP TESTING**

Orders for sleep testing are limited to physician specialists in pulmonology, otolaryngology and neurology. Documentation to support the medical necessity of sleep testing must be maintained in the ordering physician's clinical file. Sleep studies and polysomnography refer to the continuous and simultaneous monitoring and recording of various physiological and pathophysiological parameters of sleep for six or more hours with physician review, interpretation and report. The studies are performed to diagnose a variety of sleep disorders and to evaluate a patient's response to therapies such as nasal continuous positive airway pressure (NCPAP). Polysomnography is distinguished from sleep studies by the inclusion of sleep staging which is defined to include a 1-4 lead electroencephalogram (EEG), electro-oculogram (EOG), and a submental electromyogram (EMG).

Additional parameters of sleep include: 1) ECG; 2) airflow; 3) ventilation and respiratory effort; 4) gas exchange by oximetry, transcutaneous monitoring, or end tidal gas analysis; 5) extremity muscle activity, motor activity-movement; 6) extended EEG monitoring; 7) penile tumescence; 8) gastroesophageal reflux; 9) continuous blood pressure monitoring; 10) snoring; 11) body positions; etc.

For a study to be reported as polysomnography, sleep must be recorded and staged.

- 95805 Multiple sleep latency or maintenance of wakefulness testing, recording, analysis and interpretation of physiological measurements of sleep during multiple trials to assess sleepiness
- 95807 Sleep study, simultaneous recording of ventilation, respiratory effort, ECG or heart rate and oxygen saturation, attended by a technologist
- 95808 Polysomnography; sleep staging with 1-3 additional parameters of sleep, attended by a technologist
- 95810 sleep staging with 4 or more additional parameters of sleep, attended by a technologist
- 95811 sleep staging with 4 or more additional parameters of sleep, with initiation of continuous positive airway pressure therapy or bilevel ventilation, attended by a technologist

## **ROUTINE ELECTROENCEPHALOGRAPHY (EEG)**

EEG codes 95812-95822 include hyperventilation and/or photic stimulation when appropriate. Routine EEG codes 95816-95822 includes 20 to 40 minutes of recording. Extended EEG codes 95812-95813 include reporting times longer than 40 minutes.

- 95812 Electroencephalogram (EEG) extended monitoring; 41-60 minutes
  - 95813 greater than one hour
  - 95816 Electroencephalogram (EEG); including recording awake and drowsy
  - 95819 including recording awake and asleep
  - 95822 recording in coma or sleep only
  - 95824 cerebral death evaluation only
- (For recording of circadian respiratory patterns of infants, see 94772)
- 95829 Electrocorticogram at surgery (separate procedure)

95830 Insertion by physician of sphenoidal electrodes for electroencephalo-graphic (EEG) recording (includes tracing, interpretation and report)

**MUSCLE AND RANGE OF MOTION TESTING**

95831 Muscle testing, manual (separate procedure) with report; extremity (excluding hand) or trunk  
95832 hand with or without comparison with normal side  
95833 total evaluation of body, excluding hands  
95834 total evaluation of body, including hands  
95851 Range of motion measurements and report (separate procedure); each extremity (excluding hand) or each trunk section (spine) **(Report required)**  
95852 hand, with or without comparison with normal side **(Report required)**  
95857 Tensilon test for myasthenia gravis

**ELECTROMYOGRAPHY AND NERVE CONDUCTION TESTS**

Needle electromyographic procedures include the interpretation of electrical waveforms measured by equipment that produces both visible and audible components of electrical signals recorded from the muscle(s) studied by the needle electrode.

95860 Needle electromyography; one extremity with or without related paraspinal areas  
95861 two extremities with or without related paraspinal areas

(For dynamic electromyography performed during motion analysis studies, see 96002-96003)

95863 three extremities with or without related paraspinal areas  
95864 four extremities with or without related paraspinal areas  
95865 larynx  
(Do not report modifier 50 in conjunction with 95865)

95866 hemidiaphragm  
95867 cranial nerve supplied muscle(s), unilateral  
95868 cranial nerve supplied muscle(s), bilateral  
95869 thoracic paraspinal muscles (excluding T1 or T12)  
95870 limited study of muscles in one extremity or non-limb (axial) muscles (unilateral or bilateral), other than thoracic paraspinal,cranial nerve supplied muscles, or sphincters

(To report a complete study of the extremities, see 95860-95864)

(For anal or urethral sphincter, detrusor, urethra, perineum musculature, see 51785-51792)

(For eye muscles, use 92265)

95872 Needle electromyography, using single fiber electrode, with quantitative measurement of jitter, blocking and/or fiber density, any/all sites of each muscle studied

95875 Ischemic limb exercise test with serial specimen(s) acquisition for muscle(s) metabolite(s)

95900 Nerve conduction, amplitude and latency/velocity study, each nerve; motor, without F-wave study

95903 motor, with F-wave study

95904 sensory

(Report 95900, 95903 and/or 95904 only once when multiple sites on the same nerve are stimulated or recorded)

### **INTRAOPERATIVE NEUROPHYSIOLOGY**

95920 Intraoperative neurophysiology testing, per hour  
(List separately in addition to primary procedure)

(Use code 95920 in conjunction with the study performed, 92585, 95822, 95860, 95861, 95867, 95868, 95900, 95904, 95925, 95926, 95927, 95928, 95929, 95930, 95933, 95934, 95936, 95937)

(Code 95920 describes ongoing electrophysiologic testing and monitoring performed during surgical procedures. Code 95920 is reported per hour of service, and includes only the ongoing electrophysiologic monitoring time distinct from performance of specific type(s) of baseline electrophysiologic study(ies) (95860, 95861, 95867, 95868, 95900, 95904, 95933, 95934, 95936, 95937) or interpretation of specific type(s) of baseline electrophysiologic study(ies) (92585, 95822, 95925, 95926, 95927, 95928, 95929, 95930). The time spent performing or interpreting the baseline electrophysiologic study(ies) should not be counted as intraoperative monitoring, but represents separately reportable procedures. Code 95920 should be used once per hour even if multiple electrophysiologic study(ies) are performed. The baseline electrophysiologic study(ies) should be used once per operative session.)

(For electrocorticography, use 95829)

(For intraoperative EEG during nonintracranial surgery, use 95955)

(For intraoperative functional cortical or subcortical mapping, see 95961-95962)

(For intraoperative neurostimulator programming and analysis, see 95970-95975)

### **AUTONOMIC FUNCTION TESTS**

95921 Testing of autonomic nervous system function; cardiovagal innervation (parasympathetic function), including two or more of the following: heart rate response to deep breathing with recorded R-R interval, Valsalva ratio, and 30:15 ratio

95922 vasomotor adrenergic innervation (sympathetic adrenergic function), including beat-to-beat blood pressure and R-R interval changes during Valsalva maneuver and at least five minutes of passive tilt

95923 sudomotor, including one or more of the following: quantitative sudomotor axon reflex test (QSART), silastic sweat imprint, thermoregulatory sweat test, and changes in sympathetic skin potential

**EVOKED POTENTIALS AND REFLEX TESTS**

- 95925 Short-latency somatosensory evoked potential study, stimulation of any/all peripheral nerves or skin sites, recording from the central nervous system; in upper limbs
- 95926           in lower limbs
- 95927           in the trunk or head
- (For auditory evoked potentials, use 92585)
- 95928 Central motor evoked potential study (transcranial motor stimulation); upper limbs
- 95929           lower limbs
- 95930 Visual evoked potential (VEP) testing central nervous system, checkerboard or flash
- 95933 Orbicularis oculi (blink) reflex, by electrodiagnostic testing
- 95934 H-reflex, amplitude and latency study; record gastrocnemius/soleus muscle
- 95936           record muscle other than gastrocnemius/soleus muscle  
          (To report a bilateral study, use modifier 50)
- 95937 Neuromuscular junction testing (repetitive stimulation, paired stimuli), each nerve, any one method

**SPECIAL EEG TESTS**

- 95950 Monitoring for identification and lateralization of cerebral seizure focus, electroencephalographic (eg, 8 channel EEG) recording and interpretation, each 24 hours
- 95951 Monitoring for localization of cerebral seizure focus by cable or radio, 16 or more channel telemetry, combined electroencephalographic (EEG) and video recording and interpretation, (eg, for presurgical localization), each 24 hours
- 95953 Monitoring for localization of cerebral seizure focus by computerized portable 16 or more channel EEG; electroencephalographic (EEG) recording and interpretation, each 24 hours
- 95954 Pharmacological or physical activation requiring physician attendance during EEG recording of activation phase (eg, thiopental activation test)
- 95955 Electroencephalogram (EEG) during nonintracranial surgery (eg, carotid surgery)
- 95956 Monitoring for localization of cerebral seizure focus by cable or radio, 16 or more channel telemetry; electroencephalographic (EEG) recording and interpretation, each 24 hour
- 95958 Wada activation test for hemispheric function, including electroencephalographic (EEG) monitoring
- 95961 Functional cortical and subcortical mapping by stimulation, electrodes and/or recording of electrodes on brain surface, or of depth electrodes, to provoke seizures or identify vital brain structures; initial hour of physician attendance
- 95962           each additional hour of physician attendance  
          (List separately in addition to primary procedure)  
          (Use 95962 in conjunction with code 95961)

**NEUROSTIMULATORS, ANALYSIS-PROGRAMMING**

A simple neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter (95970, 95971) is one capable of affecting three or fewer of the following: pulse amplitude, pulse duration, pulse frequency, eight or more electrode contacts, cycling, stimulation train duration, train spacing, number of programs, number of channels, alternating electrode polarities, dose time (stimulation parameters changing in time periods of minutes including dose lockout times), more than one clinical feature (eg, rigidity, dyskinesia, tremor). A complex neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter (95970, 95972-95975) is one capable of affecting more than three of the above.

Code 95970 describes subsequent electronic analysis of a previously-implanted simple or complex brain, spinal cord, or peripheral neurostimulator pulse generator system, without reprogramming. Code 95971 describes intraoperative or subsequent electronic analysis of an implanted simple brain, spinal cord, or peripheral (ie, peripheral nerve, autonomic nerve, neuromuscular) neurostimulator pulse generator system, with programming. Codes 95972 and 95973 describe intraoperative (at initial insertion/revision) or subsequent electronic analysis of an implanted complex brain, spinal cord or peripheral (except cranial nerve) neurostimulator pulse generator system, with programming. Codes 95974 and 95975 describe intraoperative (at initial insertion/revision) or subsequent electronic analysis of an implanted complex cranial nerve neurostimulator pulse generator system, with programming.

(For insertion of neurostimulator pulse generator, see 61885, 63685, 64590)

(For revision or removal of neurostimulator pulse generator or receiver, see 61888, 63688, 64595)

(For implantation of neurostimulator electrodes, see 61850-61875, 63650-63655, 64553-64585)

(For revision or removal of neurostimulator electrodes, see 61880, 63660, 64585)

- 95970 Electronic analysis of implanted neurostimulator pulse generator system (eg, rate, pulse amplitude and duration, configuration of wave form, battery status, electrode selectability, output modulation, cycling, impedance and patient compliance measurements); simple or complex brain, spinal cord, or peripheral (ie, cranial nerve, peripheral nerve, autonomic nerve, neuromuscular) neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter, without reprogramming
- 95971 simple spinal cord, or peripheral (ie, peripheral nerve, autonomic nerve, neuromuscular) neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter, with intraoperative or subsequent programming
- 95972 complex spinal cord, or peripheral (except cranial nerve) neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter, with intraoperative or subsequent programming, first hour
- 95973 complex spinal cord, or peripheral (except cranial nerve) neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter, with intraoperative or subsequent programming, each additional 30 minutes after first hour  
(List separately in addition to primary procedure)  
(Use 95973 in conjunction with code 95972)

- 95974 complex cranial nerve neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter, with intraoperative or subsequent programming, with or without nerve interface testing, first hour
- 95975 complex cranial nerve neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter, with intraoperative or subsequent programming, each additional 30 minutes after first hour  
(List separately in addition to primary procedure)  
(Use 95975 in conjunction with code 95974)

### **OTHER PROCEDURES**

- 95990 Refilling and maintenance of implantable pump or reservoir for drug delivery, spinal (intrathecal, epidural) or brain (intraventricular)  
(For analysis and/or reprogramming of implantable infusion pump, see 62367-62368)  
(For refill and maintenance of implanted infusion pump or reservoir for systemic drug therapy [eg, chemotherapy or insulin], use 96522) (see Section 3)  
(For refilling, maintenance and reprogramming use 62368 only)
- 95991 administered by physician
- 95999 Unlisted neurological or neuromuscular diagnostic procedure

### **MOTION ANALYSIS**

Codes describe services performed as part of a major therapeutic or diagnosis decision making process. Motion analysis is performed in a dedicated motion analysis laboratory (ie, a facility capable of performing videotaping from the front, back and both sides, computerized 3-D kinematics, 3-D kinetics and dynamic electromyography).

(For performance of needle electromyography procedures, see 95860-95875)

- 96002 Dynamic surface electromyography, during walking or other functional activities, 1-12 muscles
- 96003 Dynamic fine wire electromyography, during walking or other functional activities, 1 muscle  
(Do not report 96002, 96003 in conjunction with 95860-95864, 95869-95872)

### **CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM ASSESSMENTS/TESTS (EG, NEURO-COGNITIVE, MENTAL STATUS, SPEECH TESTING)**

The following codes are used to report the services provided during testing of the cognitive function of the central nervous system. The testing of cognitive processes, visual motor responses, and abstractive abilities is accomplished by the combination of several types of testing procedures. It is expected that the administration of these tests will generate material that will be formulated into a report. (When billing for procedure codes 96101 through 96118, the total time billed to New York State Medicaid should reflect the face-to-face contact time with the patient.)



Reimbursement for all work performed before and after the face-to-face encounter (eg, analysis of tests, reviewing records, etc.) is included in the maximum reimbursable amount for the face-to-face encounter.) More information on **time** can be found under General Information and Rules, Rule #3.

- 96101 Psychological testing (includes psychodiagnostic assessment of emotionality, intellectual abilities, personality and psychopathology, eg, MMPI, Rorschach, WAIS), per hour of the psychologist's or physician's time, both face-to-face time administering tests to the patient and time interpreting these test results and preparing the report
- 96105 Assessment of aphasia (includes assessment of expressive and receptive speech and language function, language comprehension, speech production ability, reading, spelling, writing, eg, by Boston Diagnostic Aphasia Examination) with interpretation and report, per hour
- 96111 Developmental testing; extended (includes assessment of motor, language, social, adaptive and/or cognitive functioning by standardized developmental instruments) with interpretation and report **(Report required)**
- 96116 Neurobehavioral status exam (clinical assessment of thinking, reasoning and judgment, eg, acquired knowledge, attention, language, memory, planning and problem solving, and visual spatial abilities), per hour of the psychologist's or physician's time, both face-to-face time with the patient and time interpreting test results and preparing the report
- 96118 Neuropsychological testing (eg, Halstead-Reitan Neuropsychological Battery, Wechsler Memory Scales and Wisconsin Card Sorting Test), per hour of the psychologist's or physician's time, both face-to-face time administering tests to the patient and time interpreting these test results and preparing the report

### **PHOTODYNAMIC THERAPY**

(To report ocular photodynamic therapy, use 67221)

- 96567 Photodynamic therapy by external application of light to destroy premalignant and/or malignant lesions of the skin and adjacent mucosa (eg, lip) by activation of photosensitive drug(s), each phototherapy exposure session
  - 96570 Photodynamic therapy by endoscopic application of light to ablate abnormal tissue via activation of photosensitive drug(s), first 30 minutes  
(List separately in addition to code for endoscopy or bronchoscopy procedures of lung and esophagus)
  - 96571 each additional 15 minutes  
(List separately in addition to code for endoscopy or bronchoscopy procedures of lung and esophagus)
- (96570, 96571 are to be used in addition to bronchoscopy, endoscopy codes)  
(Use 96570, 96571 in conjunction with codes 31641, 43228 as appropriate)

### **SPECIAL DERMATOLOGICAL PROCEDURES**

Dermatologic services are typically consultative, and any of the levels of consultation (99241-99255) may be appropriate. In addition, services and skills outlined under Evaluation and Management levels of service appropriate to dermatologic illnesses should be coded similarly.

(For intralesional injections, see 11900, 11901)

- 96920 Laser treatment for inflammatory skin disease (psoriasis); total area less than 250 sq cm
- 96921 250 sq cm to 500 sq cm
- 96922 over 500 sq cm
- 96999 Unlisted special dermatological service or procedure

### **OSTEOPATHIC MANIPULATIVE TREATMENT**

Osteopathic manipulative treatment is a form of manual treatment applied by a physician to eliminate or alleviate somatic dysfunction and related disorders. This treatment may be accomplished by a variety of techniques.

Body regions referred to are: head region; cervical region; thoracic region; lumbar region; sacral region; pelvic region; lower extremities; upper extremities; rib cage region; abdomen and viscera region.

- 98925 Osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT); one to two body regions involved
- 98926 three to four body regions involved
- 98927 five to six body regions involved
- 98928 seven to eight body regions involved
- 98929 nine to ten body regions involved

### **SPECIAL SERVICES**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES**

- 97542** Wheelchair management (eg, assessment, fitting, training), each 15 minutes (up to a maximum of 2 hours)
- 98960 (Asthma)** Education and training for patient self-management by a qualified, nonphysician health care professional using a standardized curriculum, face-to-face with the patient (could include caregiver/family) each 30 minutes; individual patient
- 98961** 2-4 patients
- 98962** 5-8 patients
- 99050** Services provided in the office at times other than regularly scheduled office hours, or days when the office is normally closed (eg, holidays, Saturday or Sunday), in addition to basic service
- 99051** Service(s) provided in the office during regularly scheduled evening, weekend, or holiday office hours, in addition to basic service



99070 Supplies and materials, provided by the physician over and above those usually included with the office visit or other services rendered  
(List drugs, trays, supplies, or materials provided)

99082 Unusual travel (mileage, per mile, one way, beyond 10 mile radius of point of origin (office or home))

**G0108** Diabetes outpatient self-management training services, individual, per 30 minutes

**G0109** group session (2 or more), per 30 minutes

G0372 Physician service required to establish and document the need for a power mobility device

(Use in addition to primary Evaluation and Management code)

### **OTHER SPECIAL SERVICES**

99116 Anesthesia complicated by utilization of total body hypothermia  
(List separately in addition to primary procedure)

For D.O.S. prior to 7/1/01, see modifier -AF for anesthesia complicated by total body hypothermia and/or pump oxygenator. See Anesthesia Section General Information and Rules.

### **MODERATE (CONSCIOUS) SEDATION**

Moderate (conscious) sedation is a drug induced depression of consciousness during which patients respond purposefully to verbal commands either alone or accompanied by light tactile stimulation. No interventions are required to maintain a patent airway and spontaneous ventilation is adequate. Cardiovascular function is usually maintained.

Moderate sedation does not include minimal sedation (anxiolysis), deep sedation or monitored anesthesia care.

When providing moderate sedation the following services are included and NOT reported separately:

- Assessment of the patient (not included in intraservice time);
- Establishment of IV access and fluids to maintain patency when performed;
- Administration of agent(s);
- Maintenance of sedation;
- Monitoring of oxygen saturation, heart rate and blood pressure; and
- Recovery (not included in intraservice time)

Intraservice time starts with the administration of the sedation agent(s), requires continuous face-to-face attendance and ends at the conclusion of personal contact by the physician providing the sedation.

Do not report 99143-99145 in conjunction with codes that include moderate (conscious) sedation.

Do not report 99148-99150 in conjunction with codes that include moderate (conscious) sedation when performed in a nonfacility setting.

When a second physician other than the healthcare professional performing the diagnostic or therapeutic services provides moderate sedation in the facility setting (eg, hospital, outpatient/ambulatory surgery center, skilled nursing facility) for the procedures that include moderate conscious sedation, the second physician reports 99148-99150.

However, for the circumstance in which these services are performed by the second physician in the nonfacility setting (eg, physician office, freestanding imaging center) codes 99148-99150 are NOT reported.

- 99143 Moderate sedation services provided by the same physician performing the diagnostic or therapeutic service that the sedation supports, requiring the presence of an independent trained observer to assist in the monitoring of the patient's level of consciousness and physiological status; under 5 years of age, first 30 minutes intra-service time (**15 minutes = 1 unit**)
- 99144 age 5 or older, first 30 minutes intra-service time
- 99145 each additional 15 minutes intra-service time  
(List separately in addition to primary service)  
(Use 99145 in conjunction with 99143, 99144)
- 99148 Moderate sedation services, provided by a physician other than the health care professional performing the diagnostic or therapeutic service that the sedation supports; younger than 5 years of age, first 30 minutes intra-service time.  
**(15 minutes = 1 unit)**
- 99149 age 5 years or older, first 30 minutes intra-service time
- 99150 each additional 15 minutes intra-service time  
(List separately in addition to primary service)  
(Use 99150 in conjunction with 99148, 99149)

### **OTHER SERVICES AND PROCEDURES**

- 99170 Anogenital examination with colposcopic magnification in childhood for suspected trauma
- 99185 Hypothermia; regional
- 99186 total body
- 99190 Assembly and operation of pump with oxygenator or heat exchanger (with or without ECG and/or pressure monitoring); each hour
- 99191 45 minutes
- 99192 30 minutes
- 99195 Phlebotomy, therapeutic (separate procedure)
- 99199 Unlisted special service, procedure