PCC 2021 E&M FAQ&A

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January 2021 Agenda

- Code Updates
- 2021 E&M FAQ&A
- AAP Coding Newsletter

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Code Updates

HCPCS Updates

- Terminated 1/1/21
 - G2061 Qualified nonphysician healthcare professional online assessment and management service, est pt, for up to seven days, cumulative time during the 7 days; 5-10 minutes
 - G2062... 11 20 minutes
 - $\circ~$ G2063... 21 or more minutes



AMA Updates

AMA's CPT 2021 Corrections (so far) (pdf)

Effective 1/1/21 Problems:

 "...presenting problems that are likely to represent a highly morbid condition may "drive" MDM even when the ultimate diagnosis is not highly morbid."



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Effective 1/1/21

Data:

- In house labs count when the CPT reported does NOT include interpretation
- "...pulse oximetry is not a test."
- "Review of all materials from any unique source counts as one element..."
- Documented considerations of tests that are not ultimately performed (patient requests unnecessary test, risk too high to perform test) counts as discussion of management

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AMA Updates

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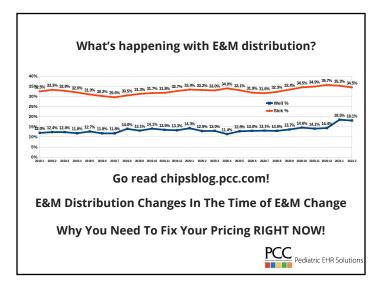
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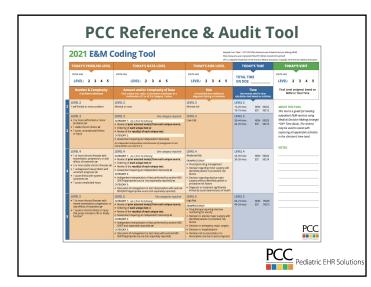
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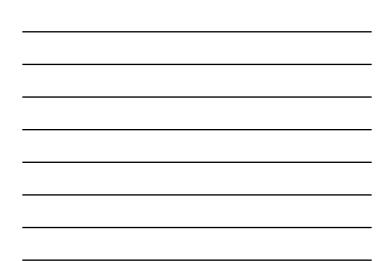
• "One element used in selecting the level of service is the risk of complications and/or morbidity or mortality of patient management at an encounter. This is distinct from the risk of the condition itself." "The risk of patient management criteria applies to the patient management decisions made by the reporting physician or other qualified health care professional as part of the reported encounter."

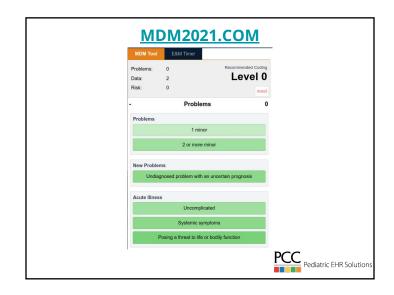


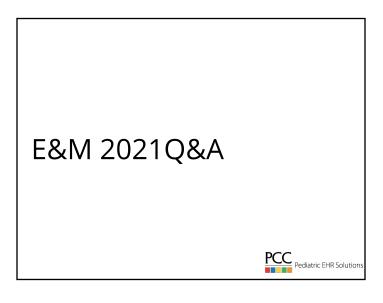
AAP Expands on Changes You may now count each unique test that you perform in your office toward the amount of data analyzed to address the patient's problem as long as the physician work is subsumed by the E/M.
Common "tests" ordered in pediatrics without physician work of interpretation (in addition to point of care lab tests):
 96110 96127 96160 96161 99174
https://services.aao.org/en/oractice-management/2021-office-based-em-changes/new-2021-office-based-em-updates-from- cpt-errata/
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Question

Q: Would this imply that if we discuss ordering a lab but do not order it, as long as we document it, we can still count it as a point in data? For example - a parents asks if we should check a flu test along with covid. We discuss the low rate of flu in the community and the patient's mild symptoms and decide to only check covid. We still count 2 points - one for the covid test and one for the discussion about the flu test. Is that right?

A: Yes.

Softball thanks to the new guidance: "Documented considerations of tests that are not ultimately performed (patient requests unnecessary test, risk too high to perform test) counts as discussion of management"

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Question

Q: Under number & complexity of problems, it seems that the choices given for chronic illnesses are either stable or exacerbation/progression/side effects. I'm wondering if a chronic problem that is not well controlled but not necessarily worse counts as a level 4 for number/complexity. For example, a child with ADHD or depression, when you are titrating their medication up because they are still symptomatic. Maybe they are better than they were, but you are still actively managing and adjusting things. How should we be counting that?

A: Level 4, depending on "progression"



AAP Coding Newsletters

Access via PCC EHR or Login to community.pcc.com

- Jan 2021
 - Examples of MDM for Office E&M
- Feb 2021
 - Tips for Office E&M Documentation
 - <u>E&M Services and POS codes</u>
- March 2021
 - <u>Observation</u> and <u>Preventive Medicine</u> E&Ms

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Roadmap - Version 8.15

General Deployment *planned*:

Sunday, March 21, 2021

- Automatically Link Diagnoses and Procedures From Orders
- No More Duplicate Diagnoses on the Bill Screen
- Update Billing Provider Separately from Scheduled Appointment Provider
- Apply Past Credits When You Post Charges in PCC EHR
- Review and Fix Invalid ICD-10 Codes When You Post Charges



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