

AND BILLING

Jan's Coding ^ Course

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Session Goals

1. Discuss Common Coding Questions
2. Discuss Common Billing Questions
3. Share Useful Tips & Tricks
4. Provide Useful References



Coding vs. Billing

Coding help:

Guidelines, Manuals, Coders

Billing help:

Carrier Policies, Your colleagues



Updates vs. Changes

Coding updates...less equivocal.

Coding changes...whole other story.

ICD Initial vs subsequent

E&M definitions

Vaccine Admin coding



COVID: Coding

Comprehensive, [AAP COVID resource](#):

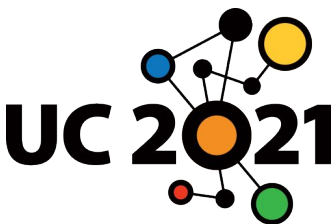
- ICD-10 & CPTs
 - Lab
 - Vaccines and Administration
 - PPE
 - Telemedicine & Telehealth
 - Special Modifiers .
 - Preventive Medicine Services During PHE



COVID: Vaccines

[AMA Reference Table](#)

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- Descriptor
- Administration Code(s)
- Manufacturer
- Name(s)
- NDC 10/NDC 11
- Dosing Interval

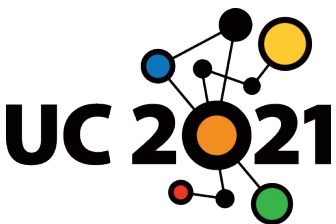


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[AAP COVID Vaccine Administration](#) (June 2021)



COVID: Billing

[Aetna](#) and [UHC](#) continue to provide updates on *National* policies on:

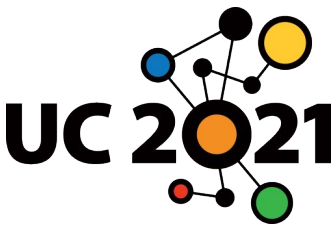
- Out of pocket vaccine
- Cost sharing
- “...may require different modifiers, date of service limitations or place of service indicators”



COVID: Testing

G2023 Specimen collection for severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (sars-cov-2) (coronavirus disease [covid-19]), any specimen source

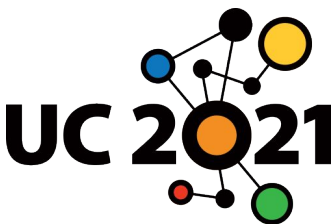
- CMS excludes its use in the office setting
- Payer-specific bulletins permit use for providers enrolled in *physician*, acute outpt hospital, CHC, family planning agency, or clinical lab programs



COVID: Telemedicine

Q: Can I bill a specimen collection using the telemed Place of Service?

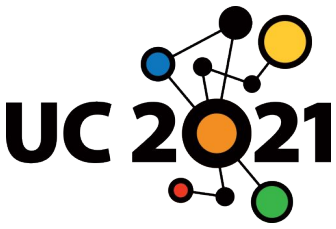
A: Yes. That combo predated COVID.



COVID: Supplies

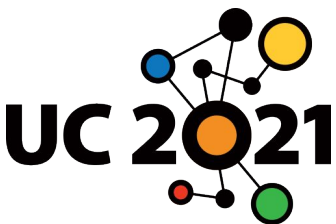
99070 Supplies and materials (except spectacles), provided by the physician over and above those usually included with the office visit or other services rendered (list drugs, trays, supplies, or materials provided)

S8301 Infection control supplies, not otherwise specified



COVID: Supplies

99072 Additional supplies, materials, and clinical staff time over and above those usually included in an office visit or other non-facility service(s), when performed during a Public Health Emergency as defined by law, due to respiratory-transmitted infectious disease



2021 E&M Questions

Q: Is 99211 a valid code in 2021?

A: **99211** *is* very much valid in 2021. May be conflated with expiration of 99201. Leveling by 'MDM only' equates 99201 and 99202. Difference were in History and Physical Exam

Use **99211** as before: nursing care visits, w/no clinician participation, which support clinician's plan of care.



2021 E&M Questions

Q: Sick visit w/2 labs. Mom is historian. Data = Moderate/4. Later visit reviews *those* labs, Mom again historian. Can we count *review* of labs for Moderate/L4 Data for 2nd visit?

A: No. Errata for Ped Office-Based E&M Coding: “Do not count ordering and review of results for the same test separately. Review of test results is part of the encounter at which the tests are ordered and not a subsequent encounter.”



2021 E&M Polls

Has anyone here been “invited” to an audit of 2021 E&M claims?

Is anyone succeeding at protesting downcoding of E&M levels?



Miscellaneous

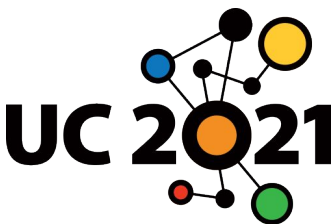
Q: How do I bill 3-5 day well visit to keep carrier from rejecting later, more costly well care?

A: Confirm with carrier which and/or how many visits are covered in the first year of life. Include in Patient Policy to apprise patients of responsibility.



Session Takeaways

1. SO MANY AAP Coding Resources
2. SO MANY carrier interpretations and policies
3. SO MUCH value in collaborating on solutions



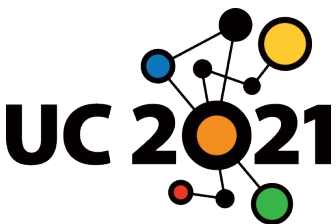
References

- PCC Billing Drop-In: Thu 7/8/21 2p-4p
- AAP Coding Newsletter via [PCC Community](#)
- [AAP Coding Resources](#) page
- [Errata outlining updates](#) to AAP Coding publications



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