

PROVIDER Bulletin



KERN HEALTH SYSTEMS

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2023 Evaluation and Management Coding Changes

Dear Provider,

The American Medical Association (AMA) has released changes to the CPT Evaluation and Management (E/M) codes and guidelines, set to go into effect Jan. 1, 2023. A medically appropriate history and/or exam is required where noted, but not used to select the level of E/M service. These E/M changes will affect office visits, hospital inpatients, observation care visits, consultations, emergency room visits, nursing facility services along with home, rest home, and domiciliary E/M codes.

Select the appropriate level of E/M services based on the following:

1. The level of the Medical Decision Making as defined for each service, or
2. The total time for E/M services performed on the date of the encounter.

As always you will need to refer to the Medi-Cal website to determine all coding changes to see if Medi-Cal will be covering new codes, deleting codes, or making other coding changes. <https://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/Publications.aspx#>

You may also access the AMA website for coding revisions. <https://www.ama-assn.org/system/files/2023-e-m-descriptors-guidelines.pdf>

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For any questions, please contact your Provider Relations Representative at 1-800-391-2000.

Sincerely,

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