Medical Review of Evaluation and Management (E/M) Documentation

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This MLN Matters Article is intended for physicians, providers, and suppliers submitting Evaluation and Management (E/M) claims to Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) for services provided to Medicare beneficiaries.

PROVIDER ACTION NEEDED

Change Request (CR) 10627 establishes a new Section (6.8) in Chapter 6 of the “Medicare Program Integrity Manual” (Pub. 100-08), titled, “Medical Review of Evaluation and Management (E/M) Documentation.” Please make sure your billing staffs are aware of this new content.

BACKGROUND

CR10627 establishes Section 6.8 (Medical Review of Evaluation and Management (E/M) Documentation) with subsection 6.8.1 (Medical Review of E/M Documentation Provided by Student). These sections provide direction to Medicare’s medical review contractors on how to review claims where a medical student documented the E/M service. This is a follow-up instruction to CR10412 (published in February 2018), which allowed teaching physicians to verify a student’s E/M visit notes rather than re-documenting them.


The new section of the “Medicare Program Integrity Manual” states the following:

The “Medicare Claims Processing Manual”, Chapter 12, Section 100.1.1 (B) states the teaching physician must personally perform (or re-perform) the physical exam and medical decision.
making activities of the E/M service being billed, but may verify any student documentation of them in the medical record rather than re-documenting this work. If the teaching physician chooses to rely on the medical student documentation and chooses not to re-document the E/M services, contractors shall consider this requirement met if the teaching physician signs and dates the medical student’s entry in the medical record.”

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**


If you have questions, your MACs may have more information. Find their website at [http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list](http://go.cms.gov/MAC-website-list).

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