



Network Notification

Notice Date: February 5, 2019
To: Georgia Medicaid Health Partners
From: CareSource®
Subject: New Approach to Educate and Reduce Evaluation and Management Billing Errors

To help you facilitate correct Evaluation and Management (E/M) coding, CareSource has contracted with Change Healthcare. Change HealthCare's product, Coding Advisor, will review the use of E/M codes, Psychotherapy Assessments and the billing of Modifier 25 for all health partners who participate in CareSource's network.

BACKGROUND:

Coding Evaluation and Management (E/M) services correctly is a well-known challenge for most providers. E/M coding constitutes a high percentage of mistakes compared to coding for other services. Providers are faced with the difficult task of determining which CPT code appropriately reflects the complexity of the visit and many times select an inappropriate E/M or level of care code.

WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU:

Beginning in January 2018 and continuing into 2019, Coding Advisor has been and will continue to send letters and make telephonic outreach to providers whose billing distribution of high level codes is significantly greater than their peers.

In addition to the initial analysis, Coding Advisor will continue to monitor billing practices and will send updated report(s) periodically. They may contact your practice with the intention of identifying any coding discrepancies and to perform one-on-one coding education. All correspondences will be sent to you from Change Healthcare.

Billing scenarios will include claim reporting E/M services with the following CPT codes.

Module	Code(s)	Description
PSYCH	90832, 90834, 90837	Psychotherapy Assessments
NPOV	99201-99205	New Patient Office Visit
EPOV	99211-99215	Established Patient Office Visit
OOC	99241-99245	Outpatient Physician Consult
MOD 25	TBD	E&M codes with a modifier 25 appended coupled with a code from the associated global services list
EDEM	99281-99285	Physician E&M in an ER Setting
ICON	99251-99255	Inpatient Consultation
IHOC	99218-99220	Initial Hospital Observation – Physician Services
SHOC	99224-99226	Subsequent Hospital Observation – Physician Services
IHIC	99221-99223	Initial Hospital Inpatient Care
SHIC	99231-99233	Subsequent Hospital Inpatient Care

Note: CareSource reserves the right to modify or supplement the listed CPT codes.

The program's aim is to maximize coding efficiency and accuracy, reduce audits and provide education regarding proper E/M, Psychotherapy Assessment and Modifier 25 billing.

If you have questions, please call Change Healthcare Coding Advisor's Customer Support at 1-844-592-7009, Option 3.