



NETWORK Notification

Notice Date: February 13, 2026
To: All Marketplace Network Providers
From: CareSource
Subject: Consultation Code Billing
Effective Date: May 13, 2026

Summary

CareSource is informing providers about a change in reimbursement practices regarding consultation codes. Medicare does not reimburse separately for Status 'I' indicator codes, including consultation codes CPT 99242 through 99255. Providers should use the appropriate evaluation and management (E/M) codes for patient visits.

Importance

This transition aligns with CareSource's current Medicare reimbursement methodology for our Marketplace plans and industry standard billing and coding guidelines.

Impact

The discontinuation of consultation codes requires providers to adapt to the use of E/M codes that reflect the complexity of services provided. This change is designed to simplify and enhance billing.

Medicare's decision not to reimburse consultation codes necessitates that consultation services be billed using the most appropriate (non-consultation) E/M code for the service rendered.

Please note that while this notification provides guidance on the transition to evaluation and management (E/M) codes, it does not constitute billing instructions. Providers are ultimately responsible for determining the appropriate codes based on their professional judgment and individual payer guidelines.

Please ensure that the E/M code billed adheres to the established medical coding practices and is adequately supported by the corresponding medical records.

Questions

For questions, please contact Provider Services at **1-833-230-2101 (TTY: 711)**, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern Time (ET).

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