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Updates to Home and Domiciliary Care Visits Related to CPT Codes 99321 – 99350

Note: This article was revised to contain Web addresses that conform to the new CMS website and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

Providers billing carriers for medically necessary evaluation and management (E/M) home and domiciliary care visits and carriers processing these claims

Provider Action Needed

This article and related CR3922 provide information on place of service (POS) codes to be included with the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes for home and domiciliary care visits. Specifically, POS code 13 should be used where the POS is an assisted living facility and code 14 should be used for group homes, effective for services on or after April 1, 2004. Use of the correct codes will help Medicare make prompt and correct payments for these services.

Background

CPT Codes 99321 – 99333: Domiciliary, Rest Home, or Custodial Care Services

CPT codes 99321 through 99333: Domiciliary, Rest Home (e.g. Boarding Home), or Custodial Care Services, are used to report E/M services to individuals residing in a facility which provides room, board, and other personal assistance services, generally on a long-term basis. CR3922 updates the place of service (POS) codes that can be used with CPT codes 99321 through 99333 to include: 13 (Assisted Living Facility) and 14 (Group Home).

Assisted living facilities may be known as adult living facilities. Previously, POS codes 33 (Custodial Care Facility) and 55 (Residential Substance Abuse Facility) were the sites of service for CPT codes 99321 through 99333.

CPT Codes 99341 – 99350: Home Services Codes

CPT codes 99341 through 99350: Home Services codes, are used to report E/M services furnished to a patient residing in his or her own private residence. Related CR3922 instructs carriers to interpret the term "private residence" as a private home, an apartment, town home, or other non-congregate/shared facility living arrangement.

A congregate/shared facility living arrangement includes assisted living facilities, adult living facilities, and group homes. These updates to home and domiciliary care visits specify that "Home Services codes do not apply to an individual residing in any type of congregate/shared facility living arrangement." Home Services CPT codes 99341 through 99350 should not be used with POS codes 13 or 14.

Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) or Nursing Facility (NF) Services

Home Services codes should not be used for E/M services provided to patients residing in a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) or a Nursing Facility (NF). E/M services provided to patients residing in an SNF or an NF must be reported using the appropriate level of service code within the range identified for comprehensive nursing facility assessments (CPT codes 99301 – 99303) and subsequent nursing facility care services (CPT codes 99311 – 99313). Use CPT codes 99315 – 99316 for SNF/NF discharge services.

Related Instructions

New POS codes were published in Transmittal 121 (CR 3087), dated March 19, 2004, available at *http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/Downloads/R121CP.pdf* on the CMS website.

Additionally, CR3087 revised the description of the Group Home code to read:

> "A residence, with shared living areas, where clients receive supervision and other services, such as social and/or behavioral services, custodial services, and minimal services (e.g. medical administration)."

Additional Information

The official instruction issued to your carrier regarding this change may be found by going to *http:/www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R667CP.pdf* on the CMS website.

If you have any questions, please contact your carrier at their toll-free number, which may be found at *http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.zip* on the CMS website.