



Nonphysician Health Care Professional Billing Evaluation and Management Reimbursement Policy

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Disclaimer:

Clover Health applies The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) criteria and guidelines, National Coverage Determinations (NCD), Local Coverage Determinations (LCD), Clover Policies, and MCG for determining medical necessity. Clover Policies are intended to provide a standard guideline but are not used to preempt providers' judgment in rendering services. Providers are expected to provide care based on best practices and use their medical judgment for appropriate care.

Description:

This policy details reimbursement for Evaluation and Management (E/M) services billed with codes (99202–99499) submitted by non-physician health care professionals.

Policy:

As stated in the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) book which gives this specific guideline: "Select the name of the procedure or service that accurately identifies the service performed." CPT guidance instructs that E/M (CPT codes 99202-99499) should only be reported by Physicians or specific non-physician practitioners (NPP). Clover Health will only reimburse for E/M services for nurse practitioners (NP), clinical nurse specialists (CNS), and certified nurse midwives (CNM) provided they are allowed to bill for those services. Physician assistants (PA) are also allowed to provide the service when physician collaboration and general supervision rules are applied.

There will be no reimbursement for E/M services (CPT codes 99202-99499) when reported by



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nonphysician health care professionals not listed above. The National Correct Coding Initiative Policy Manual gives the following instruction: "Procedures should be reported with the most comprehensive CPT code that describes the services performed." There are a wide variety of CPT and Health Care Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) codes that specifically and accurately identify and describe the services and procedures performed by nonphysician health care professionals not listed above.

Any physician or non-physician practitioner (NPP) authorized to bill Medicare services will be paid by Clover Health at the appropriate physician fee schedule amount or contracted rate, based on the rendering national provider identifier (NPI) number. The service provided must be medically necessary and the service must be within the scope of practice for a non-physician practitioner in the practicing State.

<u>Claim Codes (if applicable)</u>	E/M CPT codes 99202-99499
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References
Medicare Claims Processing Manual - Chapter 12 - Physicians/Nonphysician Practitioners: Section 30.6