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Home Care and Domiciliary Care Visits - Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Codes 99324 - 99350

Note: This article was updated on February 25, 2013, to reflect current Web addresses. All other information remains unchanged.

Provider Types Affected

Physicians and non-physician practitioners (NPPs) billing Medicare carriers for Part B services

Provider Action Needed



STOP – Impact to You

This article is based on Change Request (CR) 4212, which provides CPT coding updates to CR3922. CR3922 is being implemented on December 5, 2005. New code changes by the American Medical Association's (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) 2006 identify the correct Evaluation and Management (E/M) visit codes to report beginning January 2006.



CAUTION – What You Need to Know

The AMA CPT 2006 has created new codes to be used beginning January 2006, for visits provided in a domiciliary, rest home (e.g., boarding home), or custodial care setting and new codes to be used for visits in the skilled nursing facility (SNF) or nursing facility (NF) settings. A new code for an annual NF assessment has been added. The new domiciliary codes have typical/average times associated with them and therefore, reasonable and medically necessary, face-to-face prolonged services may be reported with the appropriate companion E/M visit

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code. **Note:** The CPT codes 99321 – 99333 for Domiciliary, Rest Home (e.g., boarding home), or Custodial Care Services are deleted after December 31, 2005. The CPT codes 99301 – 99303 for Initial Nursing Facility Care Services and codes 99311 – 99313 for Subsequent Nursing Facility Care Services are deleted after December 31, 2005.



GO – What You Need to Do

See the *Background* section of this article for further details regarding these changes.

Background

These revisions are included in the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Pub. 100-04, Chapter 12, Section 30.6.14. Change Request (CR) 3922 (Transmittal 667, dated September 2, 2005, implementation date December 5, 2005) identifies the correct places of service and associated CPT codes to report for services through December 31, 2005, in the:

- Patient's private residence;
- A domiciliary (or rest home, boarding home); and
- Nursing facility (both skilled and nursing facility).

CR4212 updates the previous instruction with the new AMA CPT 2006 codes to use beginning January 2006.

Evaluation and Management (E/M) Services

Beginning January 2006, physicians and qualified NPPs are to report medically necessary E/M services to residents residing in a facility that provides room, board, and other personal assistance services, generally on a long-term basis using the following new CPT codes:

Description	CPT Codes
Domiciliary, Rest Home (e.g., Boarding Home), or Custodial Care Services	99324 – 99328 (new patient visit) and 99334 – 99337 (established patient visit)

Private Residence

To report E/M services provided in a private residence of the patient, use the following CPT Codes:

Description	CPT Codes
Home Services	99341 – 99350

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Note: The Home Services codes will not be used for Place of Service (POS) code 13 (assisted living) and POS code 14 (group home).

Skilled Nursing Facility or Nursing Facility

Beginning January 2006, physicians and qualified NPPs will report covered, medically necessary E/M services to residents residing in a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) or a Nursing Facility (NF) using the following new CPT Initial Nursing Facility Care codes for the initial visit and Subsequent Nursing Facility Care codes for a subsequent visit:

Description	CPT Codes
Initial Nursing Facility Care	99304 – 99306
Subsequent Nursing Facility Care	99307 – 99310

Annual Nursing Facility Assessment

Physicians and qualified NPPs will use the following CPT code to report an annual nursing facility assessment, beginning January 2006:

Description	CPT Codes
Other Nursing Facility Services	99318

Note: The correct POS codes to use with the Nursing Facility Services CPT codes are POS 31 (SNF) and POS 32 (NF), POS 54 (Intermediate Care Facility/Mentally Retarded) and POS 56 (Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center. See CR3922 (transmittal 667, <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R667CP.pdf>) or its corresponding MLN Matters article at <http://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/medicare-learning-network-mln/mlnmattersarticles/downloads/MM3922.pdf> on the CMS website.

Prolonged Services

Beginning January 2006, the new CPT codes for Domiciliary, Rest Home (e.g., Boarding Home), or Custodial Care Services have typical/average times associated with them. Therefore, beginning January 2006, physicians and qualified NPPs may report reasonable and medically necessary and direct (face-to-face) prolonged services represented by CPT codes 99354 – 99355 with the appropriate CPT Domiciliary companion E/M code. All the requirements for prolonged services must be met.

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Description	CPT Codes
Reasonable, Medically Necessary, and Direct (face-to-face) Prolonged Services	99354 – 99355

Note: Prolonged service performed and reported with the Domiciliary, Rest Home (e.g., Boarding Home), or Custodial Care Service visit code must meet the requirements for a prolonged service as defined in the *Medicare Claims Processing Manual* (Pub. 100-04, Chapter 12, and Section 30.6.15.1).

Additional Information

For complete details, please see the official instruction issued to your carrier regarding this change. That instruction may be viewed at <http://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/downloads/R775CP.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.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Monitoring-Programs/provider-compliance-interactive-map/index.html> on the CMS website.

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