



Billing and Reimbursement Policy: Emergency Department Services, Evaluation and Management Codes

Key coding and reimbursement points include:

- Only one emergency department E & M code can be billed per emergency room visit.
- The code range applies to new and established patients.
- If an emergency department E & M code is billed with a consult code by the same physician, for the same visit, the emergency department E & M code is not separately reimbursed.
- If a hospital admission (observation or inpatient) E & M code is billed by the same physician, for the same visit, all other E & M codes billed are not separately reimbursed.
- If an emergency department E & M code is billed with a critical care service, multiple diagnoses must be billed on the claim to be considered for separate payment.
- Modifier 25 may be billed on the emergency Evaluation and Management code to indicate separate reimbursement in addition to a procedure(s) performed on the same day.
- This policy applies to place of service 23.

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