



Medicare Updates



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Introduction

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Topics: 2023 PFS Final Rule

- E/M Services
- Split/Shared E/M Visits
- Telehealth
- Dental and Oral Health Services
- Colorectal Cancer Screening





E/M Services

- New Descriptor times
- Revised interpretive guidelines of levels of MDM
- Choice of MDM or time to select code level
- Eliminated use of H&P to determine code level





Split shared E/M Visits

- Finalized year long delay in policy
- Defined “substantive portion”—more than half of the total time
- Substantive portion:
 - History
 - Performing a physical exam
 - Medical decision making
 - Time
- Choice of total time or other elements to define (at least until next year..)



Telehealth

- Continuing several services from PHE expansion through 2023 in order to evaluate data for possible addition to permanent list
- Temporary services allowed by PHE to be extended 151 days following the end of PHE (May 11, 2023)
- Extended multiple provider types including behavioral health services for 151 (152) days after PHE





Dental Services

- Generally precluded by statute
- Except when the service is an integral part of specific treatment of the primary medical condition
 - Reconstruction of jaw following trauma
 - Tooth extraction in preparation for radiation treatment
 - Oral exam in preparation for kidney transplant
- Discussion on “inextricably linked to, and substantially related and integral to the clinical success of an otherwise covered medical service”
- Finalizing payment for dental exams and necessary treatment prior to the treatment of head and neck cancers starting in 2024
- Considering “potentially analogous clinical scenarios”



Colorectal Cancer Screening

- Changes finalized to align with USPSTF
- Reducing age for screening to 45 y.o.
- Expanding definition of screening to include a complete CRC screening followed by a screening colonoscopy after an abnormal non-invasive test is positive (results in zero cost share for patient)



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