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2021 OFFICE VISIT CODING UPDATE

CMS has significantly changed the office visit coding formats and guidelines commencing January 1, 2021.

This applies to office visits only and does not apply to other E/M (Evaluation & Management) Services such as Emergency Visits, Hospital Visits etc. These E/M services continue to be regulated by the 1997 E/M Guidelines. Practitioners must use the appropriate set of rules for each type of service.

The Eye Codes have remained the same.

The Medicare Fee Schedule has changed significantly as well in that, for the most part, E/M codes pay higher than the Eye Codes.

See the Webinars section for information on obtaining training in these new coding regulations and financial optimization.