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## Appropriate Documentation for Services of Supervising Physicians in Teaching Settings

Insufficient documentation by providers acting as supervising physicians in a teaching setting could cause Medicare to deny your services.

Documentation **may be** dictated and transcribed, hand-written, typed or computer-generated.

Documentation **must be** dated and include a legible signature.

The attending physician who bills Medicare **must personally document**:

- The services furnished
- His/her participation in providing the service and
- Whether he/she were physically present

**The billing provider cannot simply co-sign the resident's documentation. He/she must indicate whether they were physically present during the Resident's services or separately performed key portions of the E/M service as required by Medicare.**

### Resources:

**Guidelines for Teaching Physicians, Interns, and Residents at the following Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) address:**

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/gdelinesteachgresfctsht.pdf> 