

Comprehensive Error Rate Testing (CERT) E&M DOCUMENTATION COMPONENTS

Evaluation & Management Components

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| <p>Key Components The three key components of an E&M visit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ History (HX) ➤ Examination (EX) ➤ Medical Decision Making (MDM) | <p>Elements Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● History ● Examination ● Medical Decision Making ● Counseling ● Coordination of Care ● Nature of Presenting Problem ● Time |
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Documentation of History

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| <p>The levels of E/M services are based on four types of history:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Problem Focused (PF) ➤ Expanded Problem Focused (EPF) ➤ Detailed (D) ➤ Comprehensive (C) | <p>Each type of history includes some or all of the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chief complaint (CC); ● History of present illness (HPI); ● Review of systems (ROS); and ● Past, family and/or social history (PFSH) |
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Documentation of Examination

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| <p>The levels of E/M services are based on four types of examination that are defined as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Problem Focused -- a limited examination of the affected body area or organ system. ➤ Expanded Problem Focused -- a limited examination of the affected body area or organ system and other symptomatic or related organ system(s). ➤ Detailed -- an extended examination of the affected body area(s) and other symptomatic or related organ system(s). ➤ Comprehensive -- a general multi-system examination or complete examination of a single organ system. | |
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Documentation of Medical Decision Making

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| <p>The levels of E/M services recognize four types of medical decision making:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Straightforward ➤ Low Complexity ➤ Moderate Complexity ➤ High Complexity | <p>Medical decision making refers to the complexity of establishing a diagnosis and/or selecting a management option as measured by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the number of possible diagnoses and/or the number of management options that must be considered; ● the amount and/or complexity of medical records, diagnostic tests, and/or other information that must be obtained, reviewed, and analyzed; and ● the risk of significant complications, morbidity, and/or mortality, as well as comorbidities associated with the patient's presenting problem(s), the diagnostic procedure(s), and/or the possible management options. |
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| <p>Evaluation & Management (E & M) Services Guide - A CMS Publication (pdf - 32 pages; 259KB) (Revised July 2006)</p> | <p>http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/eval_mgmt_serv_guide.pdf</p> |
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