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Core Plan Physical Exam Requirement

BadgerCare Plus Core Plan members must have a comprehensive physical exam conducted by a provider within the first year of enrollment. If the provider does not report the exam or if the member does not have an exam, the member may not re-enroll in the Core Plan.

Prior to Core Plan implementation, the Department developed a list of evaluation and management (E/M) procedure codes that satisfy the physical exam requirement. Medicaid-contracted HMOs have recently requested the Department add additional E/M procedure codes to the list of allowable codes (see next page).

E/M Overview

E/M services are defined based on the type of visit, type of history obtained, type of exam performed, and complexity of medical decision making.

History

E/M coding guidelines define four types of history that can be obtained during a visit:

Problem-Focused: Includes chief complaint and brief history of present illness or problem.

Expanded Problem-Focused: Includes chief complaint, brief history of present illness, and problem pertinent system review.

Detailed: Includes chief complaint; extended history of present illness; problem pertinent system review extended to include a review of a limited number of additional systems; and pertinent past, family, and/or social history directly related to the patient's problems.

Comprehensive: Includes chief complaint; extended history of present illness; review of systems which are directly related to the problem(s) identified in the history of the present illness plus a review of all additional body systems; and complete past, family, and social history.

Exam

E/M coding guidelines define four types of exams that can be performed during a visit:

Problem-Focused: Includes a limited examination of the affected body area or organ system.

Expanded Problem Focused: Includes a limited examination of the affected body area or organ system and other symptomatic or related organ system(s).

Detailed: Includes an extended examination of the affected body area(s) and other symptomatic or related organ system(s).

Comprehensive: Includes a general multi-system examination or a complete examination of a single organ system.

	Type of Visit	Type of History	Type of Exam
<i>Currently Allowable E/M Codes</i>			
99203	Office/Other Outpatient Visit	Detailed	Detailed
99204	Office/Other Outpatient Visit	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
99205	Office/Other Outpatient Visit	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
99214	Office/Other Outpatient Visit	Detailed	Detailed
99215	Office/Other Outpatient Visit	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
99218	Initial Observation Care	Detailed Or Comprehensive	Detailed Or Comprehensive
99219	Initial Observation Care	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
99220	Initial Observation Care	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
99221	Initial Hospital Care	Detailed Or Comprehensive	Detailed Or Comprehensive
99222	Initial Hospital Care	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
99223	Initial Hospital Care	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
99234	Observation/Inpatient Hospital Care	Detailed Or Comprehensive	Detailed Or Comprehensive
99235	Observation/Inpatient Hospital Care	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
99236	Observation/Inpatient Hospital Care	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
99243	Office Consultation	Detailed	Detailed
99244	Office Consultation	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
99245	Office Consultation	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
99253	Inpatient Consultation	Detailed	Detailed
99254	Inpatient Consultation	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
99255	Inpatient Consultation	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
99284	Emergency Department Visit	Detailed	Detailed
99285	Emergency Department Visit	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
99326	Domiciliary/Rest Home Visit	Detailed	Detailed
99327	Domiciliary/Rest Home Visit	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
99328	Domiciliary/Rest Home Visit	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
99336	Domiciliary/Rest Home Visit	Detailed Interval	Detailed
99337	Domiciliary/Rest Home Visit	Comprehensive Interval	Comprehensive
99343	Home Visit	Detailed	Detailed
99344	Home Visit	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
99345	Home Visit	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
99349	Home Visit	Detailed Interval	Detailed
99350	Home Visit	Comprehensive Interval	Comprehensive
99385	Preventive Exam	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
99386	Preventive Exam	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
99395	Preventive Exam	Comprehensive	Comprehensive
99396	Preventive Exam	Comprehensive	Comprehensive

<i>Recommended for addition by HMOs</i>			
99201	Office/Other Outpatient Visit	Problem Focused	Problem Focused
99202	Office/Other Outpatient Visit	Expanded Problem Focused	Expanded Problem Focused
99211	Office/Other Outpatient Visit	Minimal	Minimal
99212	Office/Other Outpatient Visit	Problem Focused	Problem Focused
99213	Office/Other Outpatient Visit	Expanded Problem Focused	Expanded Problem Focused
99241	Office Consultation	Problem Focused	Problem Focused
99242	Office Consultation	Expanded Problem Focused	Expanded Problem Focused
99251	Inpatient Consultation	Problem Focused	Problem Focused
99252	Inpatient Consultation	Expanded Problem Focused	Expanded Problem Focused
99282	Emergency Department Visit	Expanded Problem Focused	Expanded Problem Focused
99283	Emergency Department Visit	Expanded Problem Focused	Expanded Problem Focused
99347	Home Visit	Problem Focused Interval	Problem Focused
99348	Home Visit	Expanded Problem Focused Interval	Expanded Problem Focused