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Core Plan Physical Exam Requirement
Staff Recommendations

The Department recommends:

- a. The addition of the following non-hospital based E/M codes to the list of codes that satisfy the physical exam requirement under the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan:
 1. **99202** (Expanded Problem Focused)
 2. **99213** (Expanded Problem Focused)
 3. **99242** (Office Consultation- Expanded Problem Focused)
 4. **99348** (Home Visit- Expanded Problem Focused)

- b. The elimination of all hospital-based E/M codes from the list of codes that satisfy the physical exam requirement. The purpose of the physical exam requirement is to establish a relationship between Core Plan members and health care providers. Hospital-based visits fail to accomplish this purpose. Thus, the Department recommends the elimination of the following hospital-based E/M codes from the list:
 1. **99218** (Initial Observation Care- Detailed or Comprehensive)
 2. **99219** (Initial Observation Care- Comprehensive)
 3. **99220** (Initial Observation Care- Comprehensive)
 4. **99221** (Initial Hospital Care- Detailed or Comprehensive)
 5. **99222** (Initial Hospital Care- Comprehensive)
 6. **99223** (Initial Hospital Care- Comprehensive)
 7. **99234** (Observation/Inpatient Hospital Care- Detailed or Comprehensive)
 8. **99235** (Observation/Inpatient Hospital Care- Comprehensive)
 9. **99236** (Observation/Inpatient Hospital Care- Comprehensive)
 10. **99253** (Inpatient Consultation- Detailed)
 11. **99254** (Inpatient Consultation- Comprehensive)
 12. **99255** (Inpatient Consultation- Comprehensive)
 13. **99284** (ER Visit- Detailed)
 14. **99285** (ER Visit- Comprehensive)