

2023 Evaluation and Management Coding Changes: Five Essential Tips for Practice Preparation

The American Medical Association (AMA) has released new guidelines for Evaluation and Management (E/M) services which will go into effect on **January 1, 2023**. The guidelines have been updated to make all E/M guidelines consistent with the 2021 Evaluation and Management changes to office and outpatient E/M CPT[®] codes.



Know the changes. The first practice preparation step is to familiarize yourself with the coming changes. In addition to the AMA revision [guidelines](#), the American Society of Clinical Oncology has an [overview](#) of the changes which can be found on ASCO's [Coding and Reimbursement](#) webpage on [ASCO Practice Central](#).



Evaluate your systems. Determine which templates need to be updated (ex. inpatient and observation note templates). Contact your Electronic Health Record (EHR) vendor to advise which changes need to be made and when the changes will be implemented. Request training for your staff and conduct testing prior to January 1st.



Create a practice education plan. Identify which members of your practice need to be educated and their educational needs. Tailor training sessions and educational resources to each audience. ASCO's resources can assist with the education process.

Visit the Coding and Reimbursement page for information on the following topics: [Time](#), [Medical Decision Making](#), [Hospital Service Changes](#), [Prolonged Services](#), [Consultations](#), and [Guideline changes](#).



Contact payers. Ask contracted payers if, and when, they will be implementing the changes. Remember: payer policies may differ from Medicare (ex. codes and reporting guidelines for prolonged services).



Conduct post change audits. Ensure coding is done accurately according to the changes by conducting post change audits for a set period after the effective date.

For questions regarding the upcoming changes, please email ASCO at practice@asco.org.