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Inpatient Consultation Codes for Services Delivered at an Outpatient Hospital with Place of Service Code 22

Place of Service Codes (POS) are used on professional claims to specify the entity where service(s) were rendered. Per Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, description of POS 22 – On Campus-Outpatient Hospital is a portion of a hospital's main campus which provides diagnostic, therapeutic (both surgical and nonsurgical), and rehabilitation services to sick or injured persons who do not require hospitalization or institutionalization.

In an effort to increase coding efficiency and decrease confusion, network psychiatrist or psychologist will only need one set of codes when billing for inpatient consultation services delivered at an outpatient hospital. The follow up inpatient consultation for an established patient code (99261-99263) and the confirmatory consultation for a new or established patient code (99271 – 99275) will no longer be used on and after July 1, 2019.

When an inpatient consultation is performed on a date that a patient is admitted to a hospital, all evaluation and management services provided by the consultant other than the admitting physician related to the admission are reported with the inpatient consultation code **(99251-99255) and POS 22.**

If a patient is admitted after an outpatient consultation (office, home, nursing facility, etc.), and the patient is not seen on the unit on the date of admission, use the outpatient consultation code (99241-99245). Only one consultation should be reported per admission. Do not report both an outpatient consultation (99241-99245) and inpatient consultation (99251-99252) for services related to the same inpatient stay.

Any follow up care with the same patient, use the subsequent hospital care codes (99231-99233), per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient. In this case, the place of Service should be at an inpatient hospital (POS 21) or Inpatient psychiatric facility (POS 51). Please obtain the Treatment Authorization Request information from the hospital or psychiatric facility.

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