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NEW POLICY UPDATES

CLINICAL PAYMENT, CODING AND POLICY CHANGES

We regularly augment our clinical, payment and coding policy positions as part of our ongoing policy review processes. In an effort to keep our providers informed, please see the below chart of upcoming new policies.

Effective for dates of service beginning 06/15/19:

Evaluation and Management Services – Critical Care Initial Care- According to our policy, which is based on CMS policy and the AMA CPT Manual, initial critical care should not be reported with more than one unit per date of service by the same provider. Only one unit of initial critical care may be billed by a physician for a patient on a given date. Physicians of the same specialty within the same group practice bill are considered as though they were a single physician and should not report additional units of initial critical care on the same date of service. It is appropriate for medically necessary critical care services provided on the same calendar date to the same patient by physicians representing different medical specialties that are not duplicative to be reported.