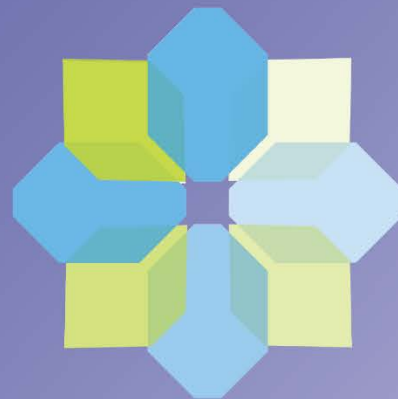




# 2020 Medical Coding Updates

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# Objectives:

- Describe recent updates to ICD-10, CPT, and HCPCS code sets
- Identify strategies for putting updates into practice

**Who is  
“fluent” in  
coding?**

# ICD-10

# Updates to ICD-10-CM

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- Changes made annually by CMS and CDC
- Additions, deletions, notes on usage
- Effective for services rendered Federal FY2020
  - October 1, 2019-September 30, 2020
- Many changes (as always) but few are pertinent to family planning

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/2020-ICD-10-CM>

# Updates to ICD-10-CM

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- N63.15 Unspecified lump in the right breast, overlapping quadrants
- N63.25 Unspecified lump in the left breast, overlapping quadrants
- N99.85 Post endometrial ablation syndrome
- R82.81 Pyuria
- R82.89 Other abnormal findings on cytological and histological examination of urine



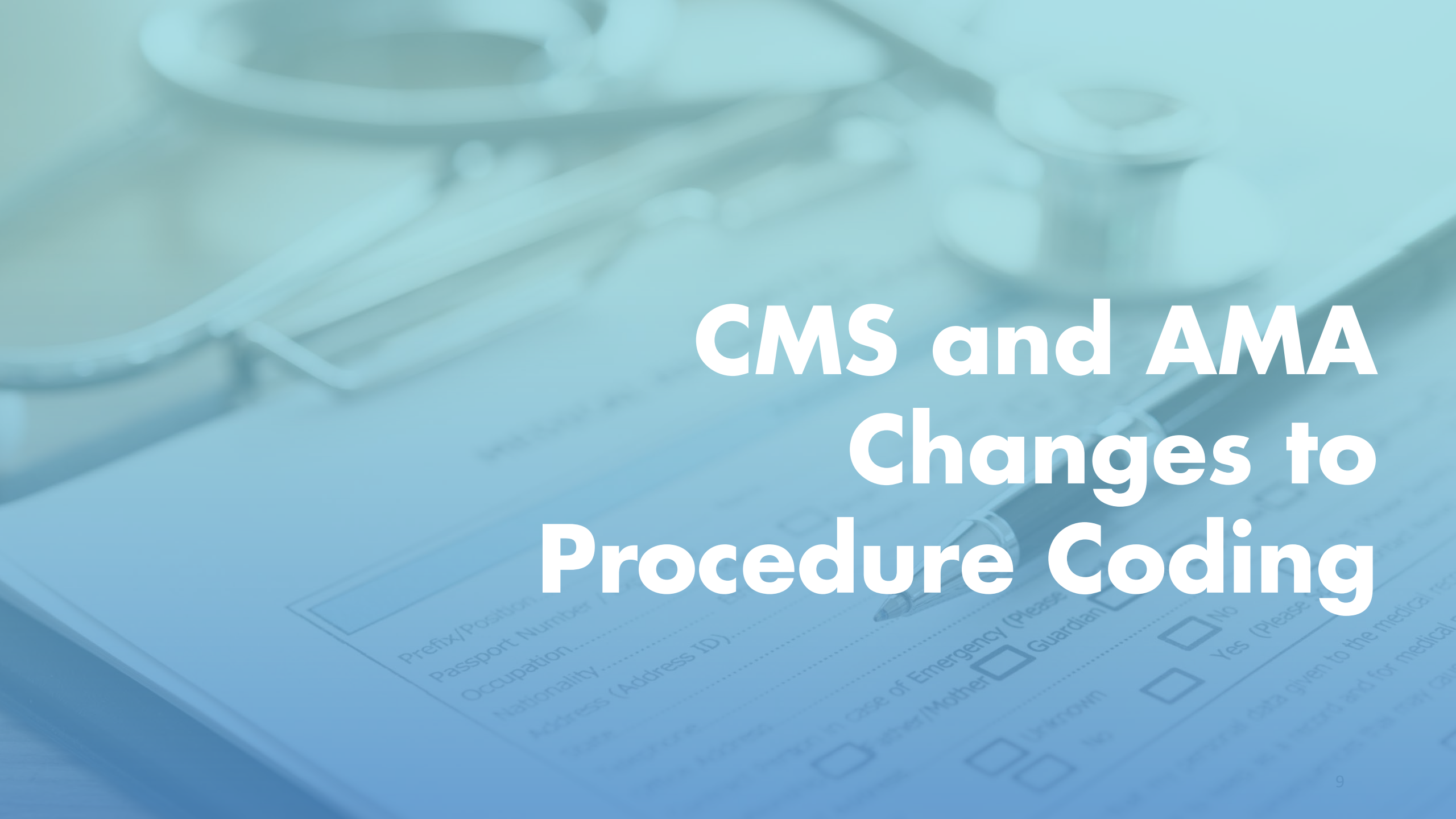
**Don't forget to  
check back in  
October!**

# ICD-11

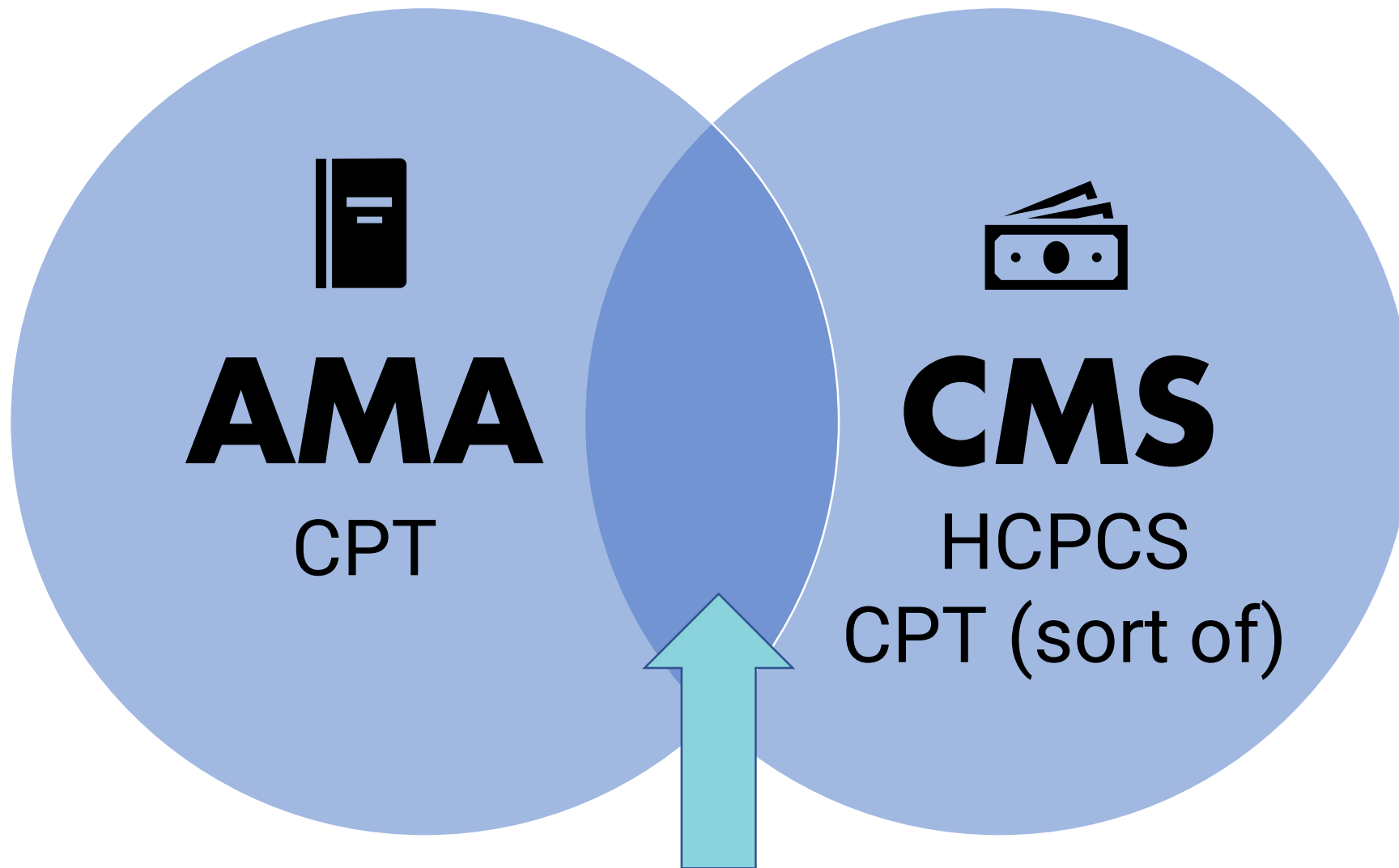
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- 2022 – Earliest possible implementation
- 2025 – Realistic start time for US
- Will include:
  - a chapter on sexual health
  - new classifications on HIV therapy

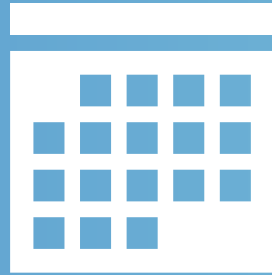


The background of the slide is a blurred image of a medical form, likely a patient registration or insurance form, with a blue overlay. The form contains various fields and checkboxes, some of which are visible and legible. The text "CMS and AMA Changes to Procedure Coding" is overlaid in large, white, bold font in the center-right of the image.

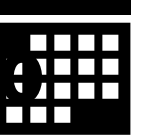
# **CMS and AMA Changes to Procedure Coding**



Guidance on usage

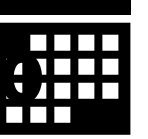


**January 1,  
2020**



## CMS

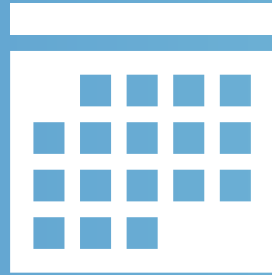
- When ancillary staff or patient have documented **chief complaint** and **history**, clinicians no longer need to re-enter this information into the medical record
  - Include evidence in the medical record that the clinician has reviewed and verified this information
  - Applicable for new and established patients



## CMS

- Clinicians no longer need to re-record the defined list of required elements
  - Include evidence in chart that history was reviewed and updated as needed
  - Applicable for established patients only

Has anyone implemented these changes?



**January 1,  
2021**

# E&M Level Selection

January 1, 2021



- Remove history and exam as a part of the Three Key Components
- Select E&M level 2 through 5 visits using:
  - medical decision-making
  - or time

“The nature and extent of the history and/or physical examination is determined by the treating physician or other qualified health care professional reporting the service.”



# E&M Code Set Change

**January 1, 2021**



## **AMA**

- Deleting 99201



- Changes definition of the time element:
  - from “typical face-to-face time”
  - to “total time spent on the day of the encounter”
- Removes “50% threshold” for using time as a determining factor
- Changes amount of time associated with each code



## Time defined as:

- Preparing to see the patient (e.g., review of tests)
- Obtaining and/or reviewing separately obtained history
- Performing a medically appropriate examination and/or evaluation
- Counseling and educating the patient/family/caregiver
- Documenting clinical information in the electronic or other health record
- Independently interpreting results (not separately reported) and communicating results to the patient/family/caregiver
- Care coordination (not separately reported)

# Time-Based E&M

| E&M   | Time      | E&M   | Time      |
|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|
|       |           | 99211 | N/A       |
| 99202 | 15-29 min | 99212 | 10-19 min |
| 99203 | 30-44 min | 99213 | 20-29 min |
| 99204 | 45-59 min | 99214 | 30-39 min |
| 99205 | 60-74 min | 99215 | 40-54 min |

# E&M Reimbursement Rate

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## **CMS**

- No substantive changes to reimbursement rates for E&M levels!
- Changes to E&M RVUs

|       | <b>Current</b> | <b>2021 Proposed wRVU</b> | <b>% increase</b> |
|-------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 99201 | 0.48           | Deleted                   |                   |
| 99202 | 0.93           | 0.93                      | 0%                |
| 99203 | 1.42           | 1.6                       | 13%               |
| 99204 | 2.43           | 2.6                       | 7%                |
| 99205 | 3.17           | 3.5                       | 10%               |
|       | <b>Current</b> | <b>2021 Proposed wRVU</b> | <b>% increase</b> |
| 99211 | 0.18           | 0.18                      | 0%                |
| 99212 | 0.48           | 0.7                       | 46%               |
| 99213 | 0.97           | 1.3                       | 34%               |
| 99214 | 1.5            | 1.92                      | 28%               |
| 99215 | 2.11           | 2.8                       | 33%               |

# CMS E&M add-on codes

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- Prolonged office visit service(s) beyond the total time of the primary procedure which has been selected using total time
- List separately in addition to codes 99205, 99215 for office E&M services
- Do not report 99XXX in conjunction with 99354, 99355, 99358, 99359, 99415, 99416
- Do not report 99XXX for any time unit less than 15 minutes



|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Total Duration of New Patient Office or Other Outpatient Services (use with 99205)</b>         | <b>Code(s)</b>  |
| less than 75 minutes  | Not reported separately   |
| 75-89 minutes   | 99205 X 1 and 99XXX X 1   |
| 90-104 minutes  | 99205 X 1 and 99XXX X 2   |
| 105 or more   | 99205 X 1 and 99XXX X 3 or more for each additional 15 minutes. |
| <b>Total Duration of Established Patient Office or Other Outpatient Services (use with 99215)</b> | <b>Code(s)</b>  |
| less than 55 minutes  | Not reported separately   |
| 55-69 minutes   | 99215 X 1 and 99XXX X 1   |
| 70-84 minutes   | 99215 X 1 and 99XXX X 2   |
| 85 or more  | 99215 X 1 and 99XXX X 3 or more for each additional 15 minutes. |

# Medical Decision- Making (MDM)

# AMA MDM Selection

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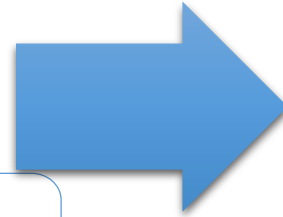


From

# of Diagnoses or  
Management Options

Amount and/or  
Complexity of Data to be  
Reviewed

Risk of Complications  
and/or Morbidity or  
Mortality



To

# and Complexity of  
Problems Addressed

Amount and/or  
Complexity of Data to be  
Reviewed and Analyzed

Risk of Complications  
and/or Morbidity or  
Mortality of Patient  
Management

**New MDM  
table on your  
handout!**

**Minimal problem:** A problem that may not require the presence of the physician or other QHP, but the service is provided under the physician's or QHP's supervision (see 99211).

**Self-limited or minor problem:** A problem that runs a definite and prescribed course, is transient in nature, and is not likely to permanently alter health status.

“The final diagnosis for a condition does not in itself determine the complexity or risk, as extensive evaluation may be required to reach the conclusion that the signs or symptoms do not represent a highly morbid condition. Multiple problems of a lower severity may, in the aggregate, create higher risk due to interaction.”

**How will you  
implement  
these changes?**



# Implementation strategies

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- Start talking to vendors now
- Assemble cross-functional implementation team
- Review CMS Final Rule
- Review 2021 CPT guidelines
- Identify and analyze areas of impact
- Develop implementation plan and budget
- Develop communication plan
- Educate staff

# Resources

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- AMA CPT E&M Code and Guideline Changes: <https://www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/cpt/cpt-evaluation-and-management>
- CMS Final Rule: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeeSched/PFS-Federal-Regulation-Notices-Items/CMS-1715-F>
- FY2020 ICD-10-CM: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/2020-ICD-10-CM>
- CDC Update on ICD-11 (January 2018) (PDF presentation) [www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/bsc/bscpres\\_pickett\\_january\\_2018.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/bsc/bscpres_pickett_january_2018.pdf)
- WHO ICD-11 Timeline (webpage) [www.who.int/classifications/icd/revision/timeline/en/](http://www.who.int/classifications/icd/revision/timeline/en/)

# Time for your questions!

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