Office/Outpatient E/M Visit Complexity Add-On

HCPCS code G2211 is a Medicare-specific add-on code to report office/outpatient E/M visit complexity. This HCPCS code was to be effective January 1,2021 but payments for G2211 have been suspended for three years (CY 2024).

This code was finalized as an add-on code by CMS to account for visit complexity inherent to E/M visits. Visit complexity inherent to evaluation and management associated with medical care services that serve as the continuing focal point for all needed health care services and/or with medical care services that are part of ongoing care related to a patient's single, serious, or complex condition.

- "(Add-on code, list separately in addition to office/outpatient evaluation and management visit, new or established)."

This code reflects the time, intensity, and practice expense when practitioners furnish services that enable them to build longitudinal relationships with all patients (that is, not only those patients who have a chronic condition or single-high risk disease) and to address the majority of patients' health care needs with consistency and continuity over longer periods of time.

As calculated by the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule, the G2211 code accounted for approximately $3 billion, or 3 percent of the reduction in the fee schedule. This delay in implementing the G2211 add-on code will further reduce the budget neutrality adjustment for 2021.

Resources

- MLN Matters Number: MM12071 (PDF, 255 KB)
- CPT® Evaluation and Management