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Prescribing Guidelines: Provider-Patient Relationship

Virginia State Code provides guidance in several different places regarding the requirements for prescribing. In Virginia a provider may prescribe to persons with whom the provider has a “bona fide practitioner-patient relationship”. State Code goes on to read that a “bona fide practitioner-patient relationship” is defined as “one in which a practitioner prescribes, and a pharmacist dispenses, controlled substances in good faith to his patient for a medicinal or therapeutic purpose within the course of his professional practice. In addition, a bona fide practitioner-patient relationship means that the practitioner shall

- (i) ensure that a medical or drug history is obtained;
- (ii) provide information to the patient about the benefits and risks of the drug being prescribed;
- (iii) perform or have performed an appropriate examination of the patient, either physically or by the use of instrumentation and diagnostic equipment through which images and medical records may be transmitted electronically; except for medical emergencies, the examination of the patient shall have been performed by the practitioner himself, within the group in which he practices, or by a consulting practitioner prior to issuing a prescription; and
- (iv) initiate additional interventions and follow-up care, if necessary, especially if a prescribed drug may have serious side effects.

In addition, pharmacists in Virginia are responsible for verifying that a relationship as defined above exists before dispensing medications. Further guidelines related to prescribing to relatives and/or friends are also available. All information may be

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Link to Policies & Forms:

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Compliance "Listserv"

Send an email to browerl@evms.edu to request to be added to the EVMS Medical Group Compliance "Listserv". Once you are subscribed, you will receive newsletters, information and training opportunity announcements directly.

found on the Virginia Board of Medicine website at the link below:

Virginia Board of Medicine Laws and Regulations

2018 CPT Changes

2018 CPT code changes became effective on January 1, 2018. A summary of additions, revisions and deletions by section is as follows:

Sections	Added	Revised	Deleted
E&M	5	4	2
Anesthesia	5	0	5
Surgery	42	24	19
Radiology	7	3	18
Path/Lab	40	17	12
Medicine	13	10	4
Category II	0	0	0
Category III	41	2	22
PLA Codes	17	0	0
Total	170	60	82

Changes to the E&M section include:

- 3 new codes for psychiatric collaborative care management services
- 1 new code for general behavioral health integration care service
- 4 observation care services revised
- 2 anticoagulation management service codes deleted
- 2 new codes for INR home and outpatient INR monitoring services

Each department should review sections pertinent to their specialty

or commonly used codes to evaluate relevant changes. Please direct any questions or concerns to the Compliance Office and we would be happy to help research!

e-PHI Security Tip

Security threats and other system breaches can be initiated through our Outlook system by way of fraudulent or “phishing” email scams. Suspicious emails should be examined before taking any requested action or clicking on links, etc. One tip for examining an email is to double check the address from which the message was sent. Scammers may use an email address that is similar to a coworker or other familiar individual’s but can be distinguished by “hovering” over the sender’s name to verify the full address. All suspicious emails should be reported to Information Systems.

Lunch Discussion Session February

Topic: ID Theft Prevention Training

Who Should Attend: Anyone! We will review tips for protecting patients and ourselves from ID Theft.

Date and Location:

Thursday, February 15th, 12-1:00 pm in HH 758

Please RSVP to Laura Brower at browerl@evms.edu or 451-6202 and feel free to bring your lunch!