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Compliance Hotline

Type:

<http://157.21.29.163/Compliance/>
and click on Hotline.

EVMS Medical Group Compliance concerns may also be sent to the EVMS Medical Group Compliance Office via phone, mail or e-mail.

Appropriate Use of Modifier 59

Palmetto, our Medicare Contractor, recently republished an MLN article regarding Modifier 59. The 59 modifier describes a “distinct procedure service” and is used when necessary to describe services performed for various reasons on the same day as other non-E/M services. When using this modifier the documentation must show that a separate procedure, session, site or organ system, incision/excision, lesion or injury necessitated a second medically necessary service that is not normally billed alongside the initial service by the same individual on the same day. For some procedures an anatomic-specific modifier may be available. The 59 modifier should not be used in those cases. Medicare also developed additional HCPCS codes that should be used when applicable which are more specific than the 59 alone. Those codes are as follows:

- -XE: Separate encounter, distinct because it occurred during a separate encounter.
- -XS: Separate structure, distinct because it is performed on a separate organ or structure.
- -XP: Separate practitioner, distinct because it is performed by a different practitioner.
- -XU: Unusual non-overlapping service, service that doesn’t typically overlap with the other.

Additional details as well as examples of appropriate use may be found in the MLN article at the link below:

[MLN Matters: Proper Use of Modifier 59](#)

EVMS Medical Group Annual Compliance Training

As a reminder, all Annual Compliance Training is due by

Contact Us

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Link to Policies & Forms:

http://www.evms.edu/patient_care/compliance_program/

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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.

June 30th, 2019. This training is separate from the brief training required by EVMS which was completed during the winter months on Blackboard. The options for fulfilling EVMS Medical Group's requirement are as follows:

- Employee has attended an EVMS Medical Group Orientation session during the 2019 fiscal year (from July 1, 2018 to present).
- Employee completes independent training using materials obtained from the Compliance Office. These materials include a PowerPoint presentation, test, and an attestation page.
- Employee attends a session hosted by the Compliance Office which includes an overview and group completion of the test. These sessions are either announced in the newsletter or scheduled on an individual basis by department.

If your department does not yet have a session scheduled or if you would like an updated status on your department's completion please contact us immediately. **It is very important that all training is completed and submitted by the end of the fiscal year! We appreciate your assistance.**

e-PHI Security Tip

Completing all sections of the Registration form when performing an initial registration or an update assists in the collection of accurate and complete information and can prevent a breach of PHI. If outdated contact information remains in either the demographics or guarantor sections of a Registration information may be transmitted to inappropriate locations.

Lunch Discussion Session June

Topic: Annual Compliance Training

Who Should Attend: Any staff members or providers who have not yet satisfied their annual training requirement. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and work in a group and only requires a 20-25 minute commitment.

Date and Location:

Thursday, June 20th, 12-1:00 pm in **HH 223**

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