

INITIAL HOSPITAL E&M UPCODING

Scope

This policy applies to:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kaiser Permanente Health Plan of Washington | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kaiser Permanente Health Plan of Washington Options, Inc. | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commercial | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Medicare | |

Policy

Original Effective Date: April 1, 2022

Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington Options, Inc. (Kaiser Permanente) will not reimburse CPT 99223 billed with place of service 21 for dates of service one day prior to or on the date of discharge unless documentation is provided that substantiates the use of CPT 99223.

Billing/Coding Guidelines

All claims must be billed according to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services guidelines.

Policy Definitions

99223 - Initial hospital care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires these 3 key components: A comprehensive history; A comprehensive examination; and medical decision-making of high complexity.

Prerequisite(s)

Documentation must support the use of CPT 99223 for date of service on or one day prior to discharge.

References

[Medicare Claims Processing Manual](#) (Chapter 12)

[MLN Booklet](#) – Evaluation and Management Services Guide

Frequently Asked Questions

Not Applicable

Revision History

01/12/2022 – New Policy

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