



PROVIDER ALERT

CPT Coding Guidelines for Observation Services and PMHS Fee Schedule Update Effective January 1, 2023

April 12, 2023

Target Audience: All Behavioral Health Providers

Optum Maryland has implemented fee schedule updates to align with the American Medical Association's (AMA) 2023 CPT coding guidelines for Evaluation and Management (E/M) codes. Providers may refer to AMA's CPT E/M Code and Guideline Changes Effective January 1, 2023 <https://www.ama-assn.org/system/files/2023-e-m-descriptors-guidelines.pdf>

Summary of updates:

- Inpatient consult codes 99231-99233 and 99252-99255 shall be billed for professional fees for observation services
- Deletion of CPT codes 99241, 99251, 99354, and 99355
- Addition of CPT codes 99417 and 99418 for prolonged E/M service

Please note, there are no changes to the rates reflected on the update fee schedule. The E/M code rates will be updated July 1, 2023 for State fiscal year 2024.

Click [here](#) to view the updated Individual Practitioner and OMHC Fee Schedule.

Thank you,

Optum Maryland Team