

# E&M Changes Coming in 2023

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The AMA released their CPT Editorial Summary. It contains a number of proposed E/M changes to several categories/service types that will have a major impact on many different provider types. The AMA summary also indicates planned revisions to the Levels of Medical Decision (MDM) table but provides no detail at this time. The new coding changes are scheduled to be implemented January 1, 2023.

Significant E/M code changes for the following service types include:

- ⇒ **Inpatient/Observation** – Deletion of observation codes **99217-99226** with added language to the initial and subsequent inpatient codes **99221-99223** and **99231-99233**. This would be more beneficial to the physicians with regards to reimbursement as the current observation codes are poorly reimbursed.
- ⇒ **Consultations for Inpatient/Outpatient** – Deletion of **99251** and **99241** which similarly reflect the deletion of level one services that went into effect this year for **99201**.
- ⇒ **Prolonged Services** – **2 new codes 908X0 and 903X0**, deletion of **99345 -99357** and revision of codes **99417** and **99483**. As of 2021, codes **99345-99357** cannot be used with office visits. The proposal also indicates revisions to the service heading and guidelines.
- ⇒ **Emergency Department** – Revision of codes **99281-99285** and guidelines but no specifics at this time.
- ⇒ **Home Health/Residence** – Deletion of 12 E/M codes and revision of 8 E/M codes with guideline revisions in both areas. The proposal appears to consolidate these services as many are repetitive.

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In total, the number of proposed E/M code changes include:

| Service setting/type   | New codes | Deleted codes | Revised codes |
|--|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| Hospital inpatient, including observation  | 0         | 7             | 11            |
| Consults   | 0         | 2             | 8             |
| Emergency department   | 0         | 0             | 5             |
| Nursing facility   | 0         | 1             | 7             |
| Domiciliary, rest home (eg, boarding home), or custodial care                      | 0         | 9             | 0             |
| Domiciliary, rest home (eg, assisted living facility), or home care plan oversight | 0         | 2             | 0             |
| Home   | 0         | 1             | 8             |
| Prolonged  | 2         | 4             | 2             |

While this summarizes the proposed E/M coding changes, there are notable code changes in other areas that should be reviewed.

The AMA summary for changes that will go into effect **01.01.2023** is located at: <https://www.ama-assn.org/system/files/2021-03/february-2021-summary-panel-actions.pdf>

**Stay tuned! We will update you, as we get more detailed information.**