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CMS Evaluation and Management Office/Outpatient Visit Document Changes for 2019

Per the final rule regarding the CMS evaluation and management (E/M) documentation guideline changes for office/outpatient visits (released November 1, 2018), the following office outpatient visit documentation changes will be implemented January 1, 2019. [Read More.](#)

Therapy Services Get a Workout in Medicare Final Rule

The 2019 Physician Fee Schedule final rule doesn't hold a lot of surprises for physical therapists, as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services finalized most of what they proposed for therapy services in July. To the relief of many commenters, however, there is one provision CMS didn't follow through on — at least not as proposed. [Read More.](#)

No Changes to E/M Payment Until at Least 2021

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced Nov. 1 they are not going to make changes to payment for evaluation and management (E/M) services until at least 2021. CMS Administrator Seema Verma said in a press release, "We know that this is going to have a tremendous impact on many doctors in America, and we want to make sure we get this right." [Read More.](#)

OPPS Rule for 2019 Includes Curbing Utilization

Utilization, new codes, device pass-through, and 340B payment policies top the changes in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) final rule for 2019. [Read More.](#)



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