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Announcement from CMS on Updates to E/M Payments

CMS has released the CY 2019 Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule and announced plans for changes to E/M. Read what was announced from CMS Administrator Seema Verma and how it may affect your facility. [Read More.](#)

Cat. III Codes for Personal Kinetograph

The [2019 CPT® codebook](#) will include new Category III codes to describe services related to the Personal Kinetograph (PKG), a passive, wearable devices that continuously measures and tracks the movements of patients with Parkinson's disease. The resulting data is used to manage patient care and treat symptoms such as bradykinesia, dyskinesia and tremor. [Read More.](#)

PICC Codes Revised for 2019

Codes for peripherally inserted central venous catheter (PICC) lines will experience a refresh in the [2019 CPT® codebook](#). Existing codes 36568 (younger than age 5) and 36569 (age 5 and older) are revised to report PICC placement without subcutaneous port or pump, and without imaging guidance. [Read More.](#)

CPT 2019 Unveils Tangential Biopsy Codes, More

The [2019 CPT® codebook](#) will include six new codes in the range 111xx to describe tangential biopsy, punch biopsy, and incisional biopsy. Two codes describe tangential biopsy: the first code describes biopsy of a single lesion, and the second (add-on) code describes each additional lesion biopsied, beyond the first. A tangential biopsy is performed with a sharp blade to remove a sample of epidermal tissue (which may include some underlying dermis). [Read More.](#)



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