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Coding and Documenting PATH Services (Physicians at Teaching Hospitals)

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Objectives


We'll review the following topics:

- Defining a teaching facility.
- Compensation of residents.
- Documentation guidelines for teaching physicians.
- The most common weak areas in resident documentation.
- Supervision and physical presence requirements in a teaching setting.
- Define Primary Care Exception Rule.
- Billing for services in a teaching facility.
- Understand what auditors look for in teaching environments.

Case #2

Case #2 Resident under TP supervision

Description: When a resident performs a service under the direct supervision of a TP, the TP must be present (in the room) with the resident and patient during key and critical portions of the service.



Case #2 (continued)

Documentation of services

The TP must document that he was present during the performance of key or critical portions of the service and is directly involved with the management of the patient.

The TP's note should make reference to the resident's notes, for example the TP may write:

"I was present with the resident during the history and exam. I discussed the case with the resident and I agree with her findings and plan of care as documented in her notes."

On follow up visits the TP does not have to repeat what the resident documented, he can reference the resident's follow up notes and either agree or not. Again the TP's notes must indicate presence. The TP may write:

"I saw the patient with the resident in a follow up visit and agree with her findings and treatment plan."