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**Practice Manager Meeting**

**Next Meeting:**

Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 8:00 AM

**Topics:**

- Medicare Advantage Annual Visit Review
- Addressing Potentially Avoidable ER Visits
- E/M Bell Curve Analysis and your Bottom Line

**Location:**

Patio Café—Back of Employee

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limited to current members!

**NEED HELP?**

- Practice Management Problems
- Claims Issues
- Medical Policy Concerns

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To obtain credit for completing a HEDIS Quality Measure on BMI, you must enter the Body Mass Index code as indicated on your claim form



Body Mass Index (BMI) 19.9 or less Adult	Body Mass Index (BMI) 20-29 Adult	Body Mass Index (BMI) 30-39 Adult	Body Mass Index (BMI) 40 or greater Adult
Z68.1	Z68.20=BMI 20.0-20.9	Z68.30=BMI 30.0-30.9	Z68.41=BMI 40.0-44.9
-	Z68.21=BMI 21.0-21.9	Z68.31=BMI 31.0-31.9	Z68.42=BMI 45.0-49.9
-	Z68.22=BMI 22.0-22.9	Z68.32=BMI 32.0-32.9	Z68.43=BMI 50.0-59.9
-	Z68.23=BMI 23.0-23.9	Z68.33=BMI 33.0-33.9	Z68.44=BMI 60.0-69.9
-	Z68.24=BMI 24.0-24.9	Z68.34=BMI 34.0-34.9	Z68.45=BMI 70.0 or Greater
-	Z68.25=BMI 25.0-25.9	Z68.35=BMI 35.0-35.9	-
-	Z68.26=BMI 26.0-26.9	Z68.36=BMI 36.0-36.9	-
-	Z68.27=BMI 27.0-27.9	Z68.37=BMI 37.0-37.9	-
-	Z68.28=BMI 28.0-28.9	Z68.38=BMI 38.0-38.9	-
-	Z68.29=BMI 29.0-29.9	Z68.39=BMI 39.0-39.9	-

Documentation needs to be done once a year



**Empire – Important Update to Reimbursement Policy**

When Empire released their December 2017 monthly Network updates, they informed providers of an upcoming change related to E&M services. The update stated that E&M services that are eligible for separate reimbursement when reported by same provider on the same day as a minor surgery would be reduced by 50%, beginning March 1, 2018. That information was corrected and replaced with the following published Empire policy, effective 3/1/2018:

Beginning with dates of service on or after March 1, 2018, Evaluation and Management Services (CPT codes 99201-99215) that are eligible for separate reimbursement when reported by the same provider on the same day as a minor surgery will be reduced by 25%. Minor surgeries have a global period of 0 or 10 days, and the impacted CPT codes are 10000-69999, excluding CPT 36415, 36416, and 69210. As a reminder, please review the guidelines on reporting Modifier 25 in Empire's reimbursement policy.

**Quality Measure for Colorectal Cancer Screening: United Health Care and Empire**

While the preferred method for screening is colonoscopy or flexible sigmoidoscopy; for patients 50-75, who are adverse to these procedures, consider fecal occult blood testing (FOBT).

Contact each insurers preferred lab service and request testing kits for your office.