RESOURCES:
 Updates to Hospital Pricing Transparency
 > CY22 OPPS Final Rule Includes Outpatient E/M & Critical Care Coding

> CY22 Physician Fee Schedule Final 2022 through 2023
> Bill Proposal Allows High Deductible 1-877-484-4848

Same Day Prolonged Services for Outpatient E/M & Critical Care Coding

Prolonged services may be added on to base codes CPT 99205 or 99215 when the same day prolonged service is related to the procedure.

Examples of barriers to reporting include:
- Time spent in the operating room (unless otherwise specified)
- Time spent in the recovery room
- Time spent in the intensive care unit
- Time spent in the emergency department

Additional considerations:
- Physician assistants may need more time to conduct a service and it is difficult to discern which time is attributable to the procedure.
- An exception to the 12 month in relationship to the procedure.
- CMS believes that that MDM will be a more accurate measure of the professional services.
- MDM can be used to select Outpatient visits 99202 (45 minutes), 99203 (60 minutes), 99204 (75 minutes), and 99205 (74 minutes) for which a physician assistant may be a qualified professional with the appropriate expertise.

For more information on billing considerations, please refer to the CMS Vaccination webpage & toolkits.