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You can submit your questions to this column on topics relating to your Medical Practice (Ask_an_expert@bcms.org). Our Circle of Friends program has over 50 companies with expertise in almost every area of business that can reply and assist. Monthly we will be featuring the most popular questions and answers for your reference.



We are a HIPAA compliant full-service medical billing company specializing in medical billing, credentialing, and consulting to physicians and mid-level providers in private practice.

QUESTION What is “incident to” billing rule?

ANSWER

This is a rule adopted by Medicare that allows a physician’s office to get reimbursed at 100% when the service is rendered by a non-physician practitioner. This rule allows the NPP to bill under the supervising NPI number. If a NPP bills under their NPI, Medicare will reimburse the office at 85% of the fee schedule.

The following criteria must be met:

- NPP must provide service in a non-institutional setting.
- Supervising physician is credentialed with Medicare and initiates patients care.
- Services can be rendered by the NPP after the initial encounter.
- The supervising provider must actively participate in the patient’s treatment.
- Supervising physician and NPP must be employed with the same group entity billing for the service.
- The service must be a type of service typically done in an office setting.
- This rule applies to Medicare but many commercial payers adopted these rules. We recommend that you check with the patient’s insurance carrier to see if this is allowed.

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QUESTION Consent to Settle Exceptions You May Have Missed?

ANSWER

During a medical malpractice claim would you want your insurance carrier to settle a dispute without your permission? Many medical malpractice insurance carriers say they offer consent to settle but their policies have various exceptions among all the insurance terms. Do you know your consent settle policy provisions? Making sure you have consent authority is one of the most important steps you can take to protect your reputation.

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If you have questions about the consent to settle language in your current medical malpractice policy, I would be glad to review it with you and discuss any potential exceptions to your carrier’s consent to settle provision.

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April 20 & 28 | 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm | Register

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Virtual conference June 25-26, 2021

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Revised Storage and Handling Instructions for the Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine

Revised: March 31, 2021

The guidelines for storage and handling of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine has been revised by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The information provided on the Fact Sheet supersedes the information on the vial and carton labels. Read fact sheet. [FACT SHEET FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS](#)

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