

Committee on Coding and Nomenclature Update

September 2021

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May 2021 CPT Editorial Panel Meeting (Virtual)

Pupillometry (Approved for CY 2023)

AAP requested new CPT code (replacing previous Category III code 0341T. Pupillometry provides non-invasive measurements of autonomic nervous system function which allows for objective documentation of pupillometry-specific autonomic deficit in a variety of disorders as well as objective measures of pupillary response to light in traditional examination and health care. No current method outside of pupillometry exists to provide such information in this manner (rapid, non-invasive, objective, accurate). With careful consideration of the multiple factors involved in the pupillary response to light, pupillometry can be effectively applied to many disorders in adults, children, and infants to ascertain details of sympathetic and parasympathetic components of autonomic nervous system function and simultaneously objectively document the pupillary response to light. Thus, pupillometry provides a new clinical application with an existing device. Pupillometers are operated by a physician or qualified health care professional and produce reliable results with minimal training.

959XX Quantitative pupillometry with physician or qualified health care professional interpretation and report, unilateral or bilateral

Non-Face-to-Face Interprofessional Consultations (Editorial Revision to 99451 Approved For CY 2023)

AAP request to editorially revise code 99451 by adding “or other qualified health care professional” to the code descriptor.

The Panel reviewers revised to include the code family:

99446 Interprofessional telephone/Internet/electronic health record assessment and management service provided by a consultative physician or other qualified health care professional, including a verbal and written report to the patient’s treating/requesting physician or other qualified health care professional; 5-10 minutes of medical consultative discussion and review

99447 11-20 minutes of medical consultative discussion and review

99448 21-30 minutes of medical consultative discussion and review

99449 31 minutes or more of medical consultative discussion and review

99451 Interprofessional telephone/Internet/electronic health record assessment and management service provided by a consultative physician or other qualified health care professional, including a written report to the patient’s treating/requesting physician or other qualified health care professional, 5 minutes or more of medical consultative time

The next CPT Editorial Panel meeting is September 2021.

For more information on CPT, please contact Teri Salus (tsalus@aap.org).

April 2021 American Medical Association/Specialty Society Relative Value Update Committee (RUC) Meeting

COVID-19 Immunization Administration

The Academy led a multispecialty coalition in developing valuation recommendations for two (2) additional COVID-19 Immunization Administration (IA) codes:

0041A-0042A Novavax

Effective March 15, 2021, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) accepted the RUC recommendations, nearly doubling Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) payment for administration of the COVID-19 vaccine, including administration of vaccines requiring two doses, to \$40 per administration.

0.40 Work Relative Value Units (RVUs)

0.73 Practice Expense RVUs

0.02 Professional Liability Insurance RVUs

1.15 Total RVUs

MPFS non-geographically-adjusted payment amount = \$40.00

This updated MFPS payment rate reflects the additional resources necessary to ensure the vaccine is administered safely and appropriately during the COVID-19 public health emergency. These expenses are described by the CPT Editorial Panel with the new CPT code 99072 and are now bundled into the new COVID immunization administration payments.

For more information, please see:

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/medicare-part-b-drug-average-sales-price/covid-19-vaccines-and-mono-clonal-antibodies>

Immunization Administration

The Academy led a multispecialty coalition in developing valuation recommendations for the 'routine' Immunization Administration codes:

90460-90461

90471-90474

G0008-G0010

RUC-recommended values will be forwarded to CMS for consideration on the 2023 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule.

Emergency Department Services

The Academy worked with the American College of Emergency Physicians in developing recommendations for revaluing the Emergency Department codes, 99281-99285.

RUC-recommended values will be forwarded to CMS for consideration on the 2023 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule.

The next RUC meeting is October 2021.

For more information on the RUC, please contact Linda Walsh (lwalsh@aap.org).

September 2021 ICD-10-CM Coordination & Maintenance (C&M) Meeting

AAP Topics

Apnea of Newborn and Related Issues*

Intracranial Injury with Unknown Loss of Consciousness

Long Term (current) Drug Therapy*

Problems Related to Upbringing*

Social Determinants of Health*

Topics on Which AAP Will Comment

Activated Phosphoinositide 3-kinase Delta Syndrome (APDS)

Atrial Septal and Atrioventricular Septal Defect

Caught, Crushed, Jammed, or Pinched In or Between Objects

Coma Not Elsewhere Classified

Craniosynostosis and Other Congenital Deformities of Skull, Face and Jaw

Electric Assisted Bicycles

Foreign Body Sensation

Hemolytic-Uremic Syndrome

Perpetrator of Assault, Maltreatment, and Neglect

Personal History of (Corrected) Congenital Malformations and Personal History of (Corrected)

Certain Conditions Arising in the Perinatal Period

Postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome (POTS)

Postviral and Related Fatigue Syndromes

Short Stature Due to Endocrine Disorder

Underimmunization for COVID-19**

von Hippel-Lindau Disease

WHIM Syndrome

Topics on Which AAP Will Not Comment

Angioectasia of Small Intestine

Bronchiolitis Obliterans Syndrome and Bronchiolitis Obliterans

Dementia: Stage of Severity, Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms

Encounter for Vaginal Delivery Requiring Assistance

Endometriosis

Hepatic Encephalopathy

Isthmocele

Mitral Annulus Calcification

Muscle Wasting and Atrophy of the Back

Non-Traumatic Peritoneal Hemorrhage

Onset (spontaneous) of Labor After 37 Completed Weeks of Gestation but Before 39 Completed Weeks Gestation, with Vaginal Delivery

Parkinson's Disease with OFF Episodes

Progressive Collapsing Foot Deformity: Flexible and Rigid

Rib Fracture Due to Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

*Re-presentation

**April 1, 2022 Release

The next ICD C&M meeting is March 8-9, 2022, with proposals due on December 3, 2021.

If you have ideas or suggestions for an update to the ICD-10-CM code set or for more information on ICD-10-CM please contact Becky Dolan (bdolan@aap.org).

AAP Coding Education

2021 Office Visit Evaluation and Management (E/M) Revisions

In 2021, the guidelines for Office Visit E/M services (99201-99215) will be changing significantly for the first time in over 20 years. These revisions will allow physicians and CMS to work together to reduce physician burden and increase payment for outpatient care.

We have a new [website](#) that includes a frequently updated [FAQ page](#).

If your Chapter/Section/Council would like to work with AAP staff toward the development of other pediatric subspecialty-specific educational resource(s), please contact Becky Dolan (bdolan@aap.org).