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Evaluation and Management Services with Interventional Radiology Procedures

What you need to know:

A related evaluation and management service is not reported in addition to the interventional procedure.

Included in the interventional radiology procedure:

- Pertinent historical inquiry.
- Reasons for the examination.
- Identification of the presence of allergies.
- Acquisition of informed consent.
- Discussion of follow-up.
- Review of the medical record.
- Medical decision making as to whether or not the procedure should be performed or not.

The impact on you:

Be aware that the normal history and physical performed along with the decision to proceed is bundled into the interventional procedure. In this instance, an evaluation and management service cannot be separately reported.

When can a separate evaluation and management service be reported?

Documentation supports history, exam, and medical decision making and providing:

- The evaluation and management service is performed alone (not with an interventional radiology procedure).
- An evaluation and management service is performed but is unrelated to the interventional radiology procedure. *Example:* Consultation is provided for a patient considering an UFE on the same day as an aspiration of a breast cyst. The consultation and the procedure would be reported.

Reference:

CMS, Correct Coding Initiative, Version 15.3, IX-3.

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