Centralized Billing Unit Refresher For Clinicians



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This video presentation was created to assist with coding accuracy for services rendered to patients seen at the ADPH county health departments only. It is the responsibility of the clinician to use his or her professional discretion to document and bill for appropriate services rendered.

Disclaimer

Upon completion of this presentation, clinicians will have an understanding of documentation and coding guidelines used for billing at the Alabama Department of Public Health



Objective

- At the conclusion of this presentation, participants should be able to:
 - Outline variables that can affect reimbursement
 - · Global Fee
 - Medicaid requirements

Conclusion

- Illustrate how the documentation of a patient encounter is converted into revenue
- Utilize common coding/billing terms
- List common reasons claims are denied

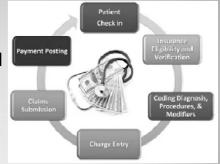
Conclusion

- A process of transforming descriptions of medical encounters, diagnoses, procedures, diagnostic tests and supplies provided to a patient into universal code numbers, often referred to as CPT (Current Procedural Terminology)
- For every ailment, injury, diagnosis, and medical procedure, there is a corresponding code.

What is Coding?

 Coding tells the insurers and auditors what the patient's problems were and what you did for the patient so that you can receive reimbursement;

 And to prepare a standardized "bill" for services provided to a patient.



Why is coding important to me?

 Services provided to the patient and documented in the medical record.



• Services must be medically necessary for the treatment of the patient's condition.

If it <u>was not</u> documented – it <u>did not</u> happen and <u>can not</u> be coded or billed. What can be billed?

- E/M coding is the process by which clinician patient encounters are translated into five digit CPT codes to facilitate billing.
- The provider selects the appropriate billing code for the visit based on services provided.
- Codes start with "99."

Evaluation and Management (E/M)

- Documentation within the health record must clearly support the procedures, services, and supplies coded.
- Describes:
 - Complexity of care provided to a patient for non-procedural visits.
 - The type of service (new vs. established, preventative).

Evaluation and Management (E/M)

- There are three key components to consider when selecting the appropriate E&M code:
 - History
 - Physical Exam
 - Medical Decision Making (MDM)

Determining the Correct E & M Code

- All three components must be documented for a new or initial visit.
- Only two of the three components must be documented for established patients (seen within the past three years).

Determining the Correct E & M Code

- Clinicians must...
 - Create an accurate medical record that is compliant with coding terminology and rules.
 - Provide good patient care
 - Minimize liability issues
 - Develop good coding habits that will translate into efficiency and reimbursement for services.

E&M Recap

You can not <u>just</u> bill for what is done...<u>you</u> only can bill for what is done and documented!

E&M Recap

- Modifiers must be utilized to further clarify, identify, or explain more details about what transpired during the patient's encounter.
- Modifiers are necessary to achieve the appropriate reimbursement.

Modifiers

- Not all payers follow the same or standard rules and not all payers recognize all modifiers available.
 - FP Service provided as part of family planning program.
 - 25 Significant, separately identifiable evaluation and management (E/M) service by the same clinician on the same day of the procedure or other service).

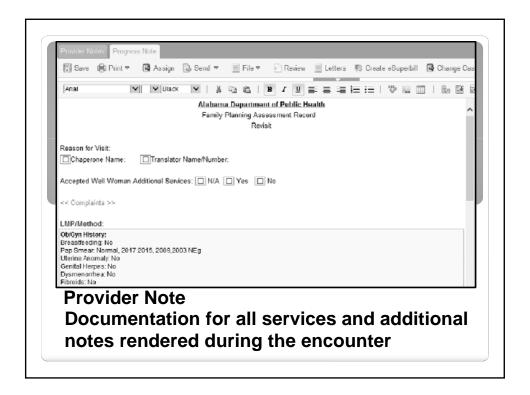
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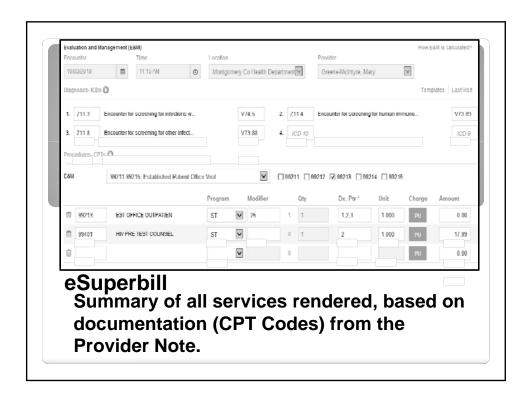
90 - Reference (Outside) Laboratory:
 When laboratory procedures are performed by a party other than the treating or reporting physician.

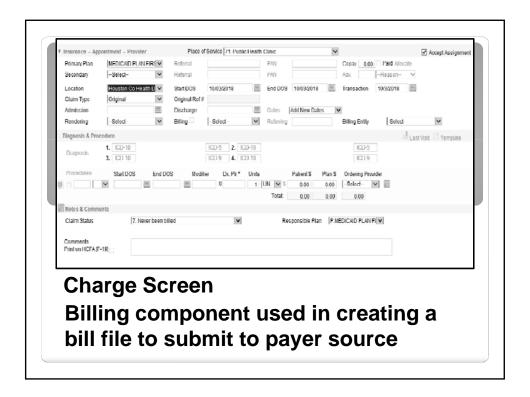
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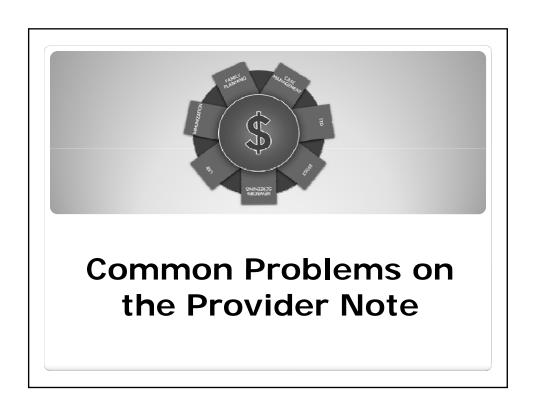


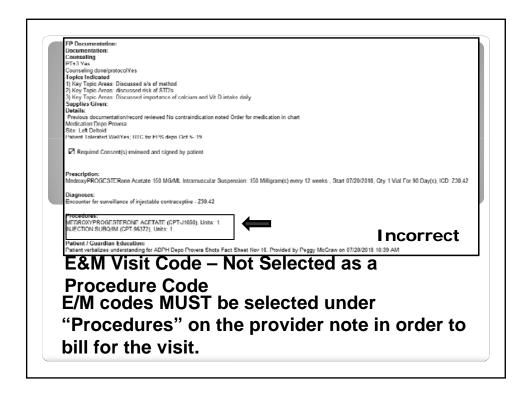
Forms Used In Billing Review

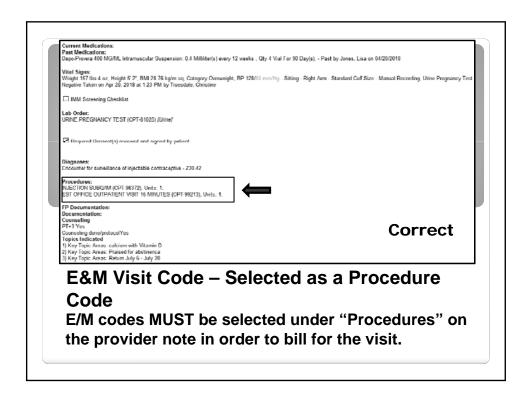


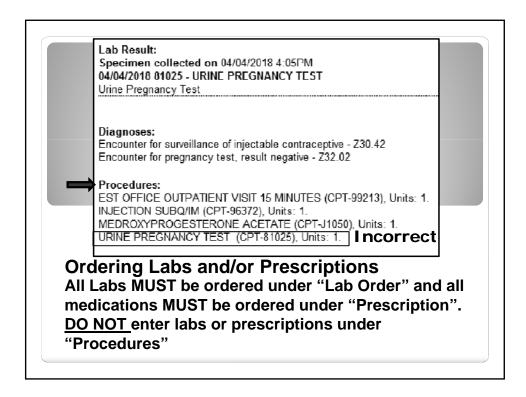


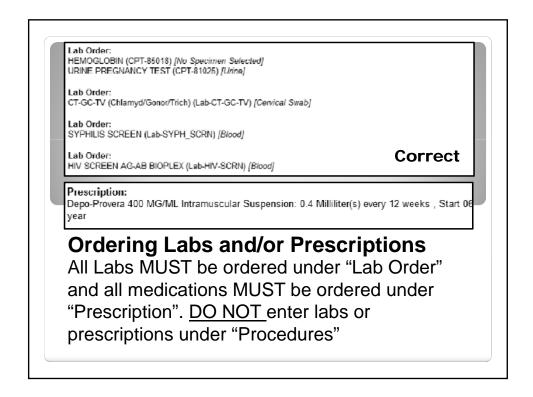












Lab Order:

Pap Lb, HPV-hr (Lab-195050) [Cervix]

Lab Order:

URINE PREGNANCY TEST (CPT-81025) [Urine] HEMOGLOBIN (CPT-85018) [Blood capillary]

Lab Order:

CT-GC-TV (Chlamyd/Gonor/Trich) (Lab-CT-GC-TV) [Cervical Swab]

Lab Order:

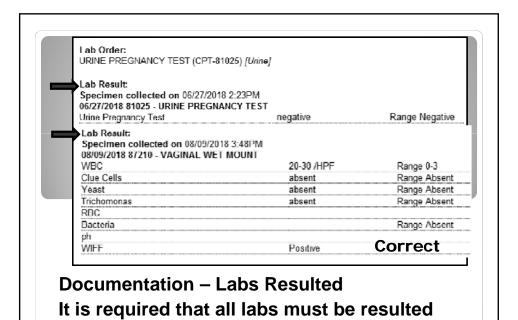
HIV SCREEN AG-AB BIOPLEX (Lab-HIV-SCRN) [Blood]

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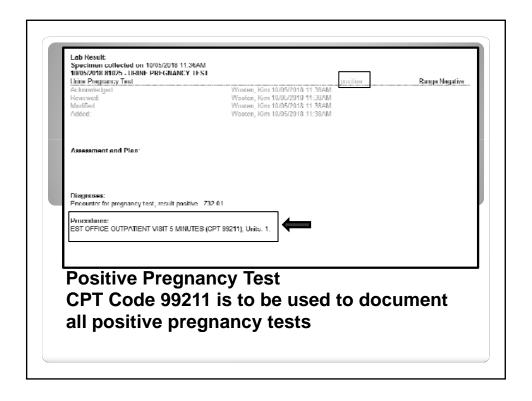
SYPHILIS SCREEN (Lab-SYPH SCRN) [Blood]

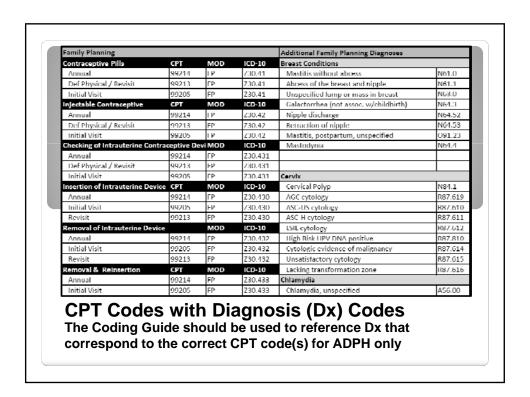
Incorrect

Documentation – Labs Not Resulted It is required that all labs must be resulted before they can be billed.



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Diagnoses:

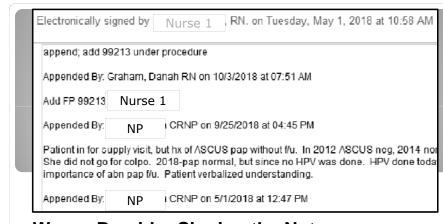
Encounter for surveillance of injectable contraceptive - Z30.42 Encounter for pregnancy test, result negative - Z32.02

Procedures:

NNJECTION SUBQ/IM (CPT-96372), Units: 1. EST OFFICE OUTPATIENT VISIT 15 MINUTES (CPT-99213), Units: 1.

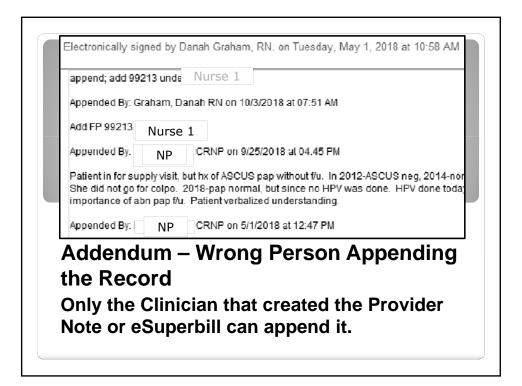
Administration Code

Whenever an injection is administered, document the appropriate administration code shown on the ADPH Coding Guide. We will not bill this to Medicaid but will bill it to other commercial insurance carriers.



Wrong Provider Signing the Note

The highest level clinician providing services should sign the provider note and create the superbill



DO NOT:

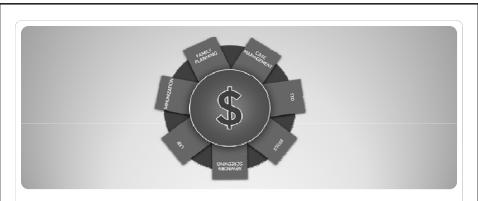
- > Delete
- >Remove
- Copy and Paste documentation into a patient's record

Terminology NOT to Use When Appending

YOU CAN USE:

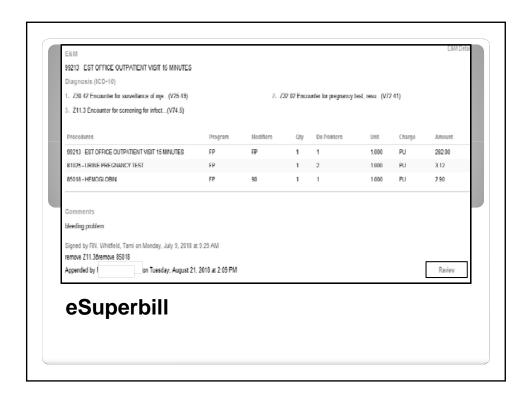
- >Add CPT code
 - >Ex: Add CPT code 99211, as 99213 was used in error
- >Add Dx code
 - >Ex: Add Dx code Z32.02

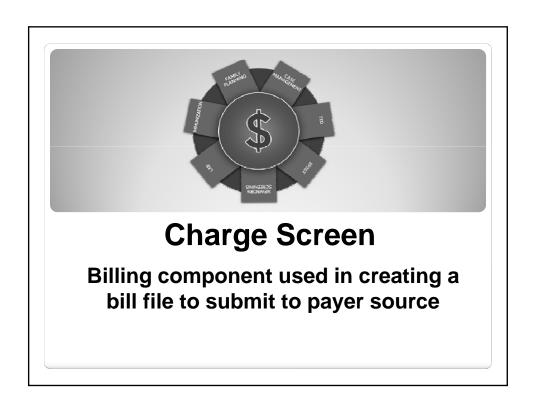
Terminology to Use When Appending



eSuperbill

Summary of all services rendered, based on documentation (CPT Codes) from the Provider Note.





- Alabama Medicaid Agency (AMA)
- Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS)
- Different payers have different rules.
- Different health departments programs have different rules.
- Coding only applies to services provided in the Health Department.

All Payers Are Not Alike



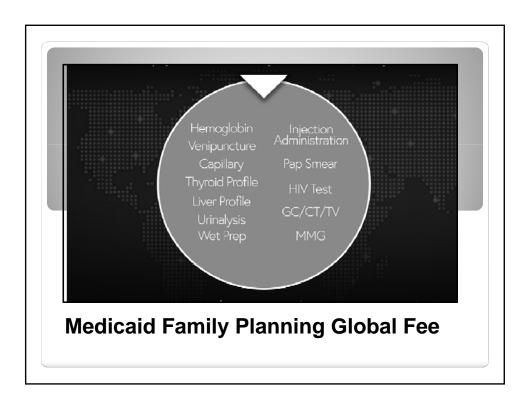


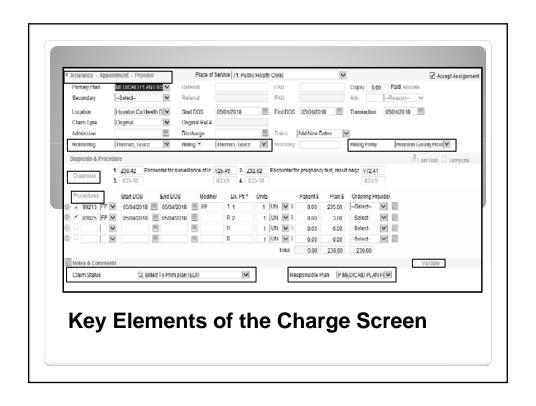
- Certain services are included in the global fee for Medicaid.
- Health Department is not considered a pharmacy provider therefore we can not bill certain birth control methods to BCBS.
- Patients are unique and coding should reflect this.

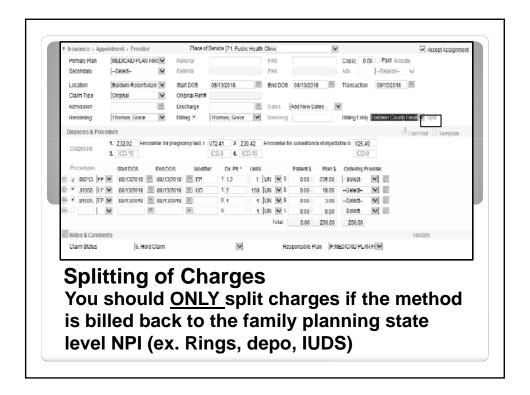
 Medicaid

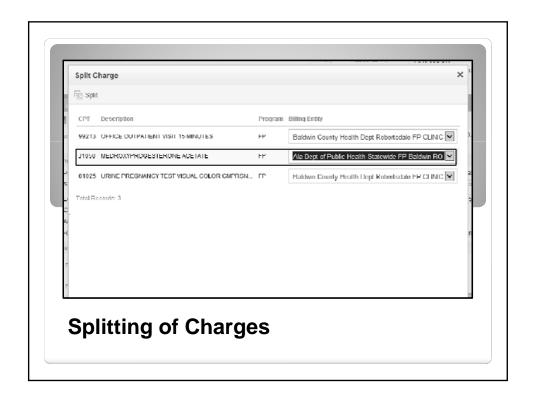
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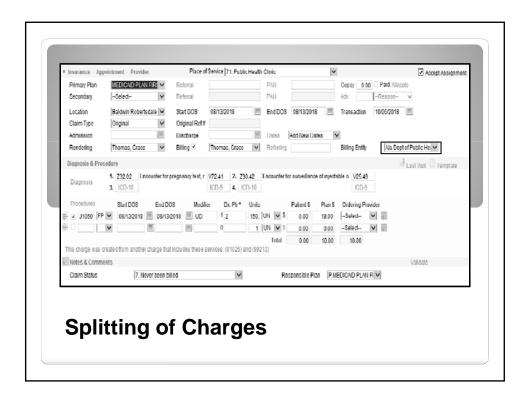


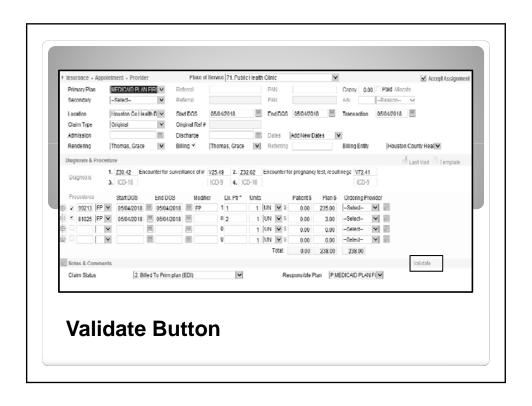


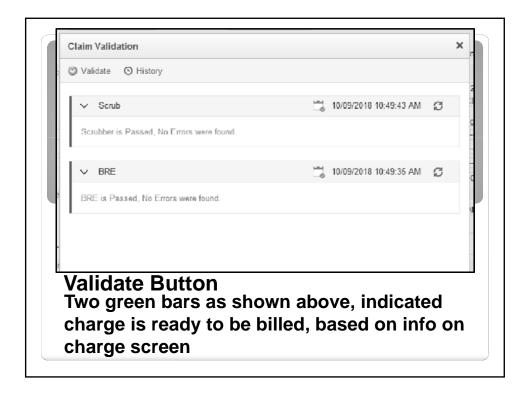


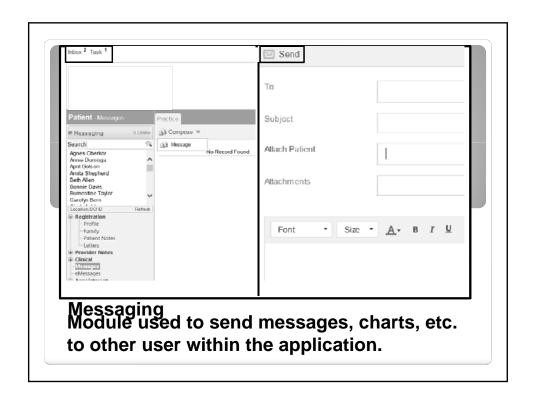












Document for all services rendered with the understanding of what services can be billed Ex.: Medicaid Global Fee. Document hemoglobin and capillary but these services will not be on the charge screen but will appear on the eSuperbill All tilize training materials for radius.

- Utilize training materials for coding, provided by CBU Only
- Proof eSuperbill for accuracy of services provided, before signing
- Append eSuperbill to reflect any changes made

- Do not use "Delete" or "Remove" in any documentation, even if appending to make changes. The Provider Note must be appended to reflect the change.
- Do not add services to the eSuperbill without having supporting documentation in the provider note
- Clinicians were adding CPT codes to the eSuperbill that were not reflected in the Provider Note.

Recap for Clinicians

- Patient Encounter: Doing the Work
- Documentation: Accurately recording the work
- Coding: Converting the work into numeric code(s)
- Billing: Charging for the work
- Payment: Receiving reimbursement for the Work

Recap for Clinicians

- Clear and accurate documentation
 - Improve patient care, safety, and team communication
 - Support your billing and decrease risk if you are audited
 - Maximize return on your hard work

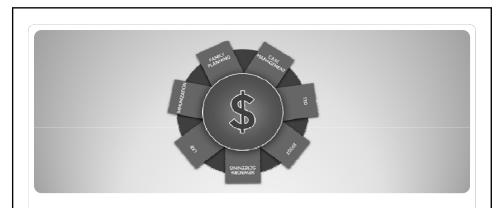
Recap for Clinicians

- Correcting Provider Documentation
 - Documentation must match the billed services – every billed service and its corresponding diagnosis code must be clearly documented in the medical record
 - Services must be medically necessary for the treatment of the patient's condition
 - If it wasn't documented it did not happen and can not be coded or billed

Recap for Clinicians

- Highest level provider MUST sign the provider note and the eSuperbill
- Be sure that we are using the ALFP1 for Emergency Contractive not \$4993
- Refer to the policy for correcting documentation for retired/separated employees
- Incomplete exams are not to be billed to a payer.

Quick Tips



Questions