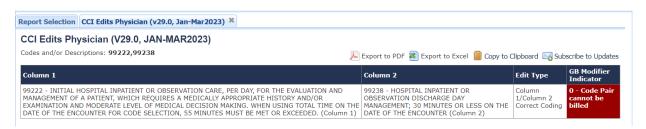
Q&A: Observation Pro Fees 99222 & 99238

Question: An edit is preventing us from reporting professional codes for initial observation professional code with the discharge code. How should this be reported?

Answer: As noted, CCI Edits prevent reporting Pro Fee Codes 92222 (Initial Hospital Inpatient or Observation Care, per day) with the 99238 (Hospital Inpatient or Observation Discharge Day Management).



In their presentation <u>Advancing Landmark Revisions Across More Settings of Care</u>, the AMA instructs providers to select an evaluation and management code from the following CPT® code set to report when a patient was admitted and discharged on the same date of service and the practitioner had two or more separate encounters (an initial and a discharge):

Re	por	t Selection	2023 Hospital Based HCPCS/CPT® Codes Quarter: Q1						
C R	ode: esul	23 HCPCS Codes - ALL Quarter: Q1 les and/or Descriptions: 99234,99235,99236 for selected Provider: JEFFERSON COUNTY HOSPITAL (161364) ults returned(below): 3 I: 1, DME: IA, Clinical Lab Fee Schedule: IA, Physician Fee Schedule:IA STATEWIDE							
		Current De	scriptor	Fee Schedule		Initial APC			
		managemen date, which and straight total time o be met or e	pital inpatient or observation care, for the evaluation and it of a patient including admission and discharge on the same requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination forward or low level of medical decision making. when using a the date of the encounter for code selection, 45 minutes must exceeded. owed item or service for OPPS	GB (Physician Facility): GB (Physician Non-Facility):	\$93.28 \$93.28				
		management date, which and modera the date of exceeded.	pital inpatient or observation care, for the evaluation and it of a patient including admission and discharge on the same requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination te level of medical decision making. when using total time on the encounter for code selection, 70 minutes must be met or owed item or service for OPPS	GB (Physician Facility): GB (Physician Non-Facility):	\$151.47 \$151.47				
		managemendate, which and high levidate of the exceeded.	pital inpatient or observation care, for the evaluation and it of a patient including admission and discharge on the same requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination el of medical decision making. when using total time on the encounter for code selection, 85 minutes must be met or owed item or service for OPPS	GB (Physician Facility): GB (Physician Non-Facility):	\$198.61 \$198.61				

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If there was only one practitioner encounter for the admission and the discharge and the patient's stay was <u>less than 8 hours</u>, one of the following codes should be reported:

des and/or Descriptions: 99221,99222,99223 for selected Provider: JEFFERSON COUNTY HOSPITAL (161364) sults returned(below): 3 VI: 1, DME: IA, Clinical Lab Fee Schedule: IA, Physician Fee Schedule:IA STATEWIDE						
Current Descriptor	Fee Schedule		Initial APO			
99221 - initial hospital inpatient or observation care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and straightforward or low level medical decision making. when using total time on the date of the encounter for code selection, 40 minutes must be met or exceeded. B - Non-allowed item or service for OPPS	GB (Physician Facility): GB (Physician Non-Facility):	\$77.97 \$77.97				
99222 - initial hospital inpatient or observation care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and moderate level of medical decision making. when using total time on the date of the encounter for code selection, 55 minutes must be met or exceeded. B - Non-allowed item or service for OPPS	GB (Physician Facility): GB (Physician Non-Facility):	\$123.16 \$123.16				
99223 - initial hospital inpatient or observation care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and high level of medical decision making. when using total time on the date of the encounter for code selection, 75 minutes must be met or exceeded. B - Non-allowed item or service for OPPS	GB (Physician Facility): GB (Physician Non-Facility):	\$164.74 \$164.74				

If there was only one practitioner encounter for the admission and the discharge and the patient's stay was 8 or more hours (even if it spanned two dates), one of the following codes should be reported:

2023 HCPCS Codes - ALL Quarter: Q1

Codes and/or Descriptions: 99234,99236,99238 for selected Provider: DEMODEV (990001)

Results returned(below): 3

AWI: 1, DME: CA, Clinical Lab Fee Schedule: CA2, Physician Fee Schedule:LOS ANGELES-LONG BEACH-ANAHEIM (ORANGE)

Current Descriptor	Fee Schedule		Ir
99234 - hospital inpatient or observation care, for the evaluation and management of a patient including admission and discharge on the same date, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and straightforward or low level of medical decision making. when using total time on the date of the encounter for code selection, 45 minutes must be met or exceeded. B - Non-allowed item or service for OPPS	GB (Physician Facility): GB (Physician Non-Facility):	\$104.96 \$104.96	
99236 - hospital inpatient or observation care, for the evaluation and management of a patient including admission and discharge on the same date, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and high level of medical decision making. when using total time on the date of the encounter for code selection, 85 minutes must be met or exceeded. B - Non-allowed item or service for OPPS	GB (Physician Facility): GB (Physician Non-Facility):	\$222.68 \$222.68	
99238 - hospital inpatient or observation discharge day management; 30 minutes or less on the date of the encounter B - Non-allowed item or service for OPPS	GB (Physician Facility): GB (Physician Non-Facility):	\$87.14 \$87.14	



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