



# QRTIPS

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**Eight new E&M CPT codes have been added to the CYS MD ED. Effective immediately.**

## **Established Patient Custodial Care E/M Codes (99334-99337)**

- Use only for E/M services provided to patients residing in nursing homes or other locations not considered the client's private residence.
- There is no need to use the **prolonged visit codes** with these E & M codes
- Document the **medical necessity** for this intervention
- Include the illness or injury that makes them homebound or if placed in group home by the court.
- **Established** patient means any clinician seeing the patient in last 3 years
- **Special Note:** For Custodial Care E/M Codes, the Home Location will likely be **“Children or Youth Group Home.”** If the location happened to be at the youth's private residence, then you would select from the Home Visit E/M Codes. **Notice that both Home Visit and Custodial Care E/M Codes are not used for any inpatient facility or hospital.**

### **Suggested time frames**

- **99334-Typical time** for face to face is approximately **(1 – 20 minutes.)**
- **99335 Typical time** for face to face is approximately **(21-32 minutes).**
- **99336 Typical time** for face to face is approximately **(33 to 50 minutes).**
- **99337 Typical time** for face to face is approximately **( over 51 minutes).**

## **Established Patient Home Visit E/M Codes (99347-99350)**

- Use only for E/M services provided to patients residing **in their own private residence**; not for other types of facilities
- Document the **medical necessity** for this intervention
- Include the illness or injury that **makes them homebound**
- **Established** patient means any clinician seeing the patient in last 3 years

### **Suggested time frames**

- **99347-Typical time** for face to face is approximately **( 1 to 20 minutes.)**
- **99348 Typical time** for face to face is approximately **(21 to 32 minutes).**
- **99349 Typical time** for face to face is approximately **(33 to 50 minutes).**
- **99350 Typical time** for face to face is approximately **( over 51 minutes).**

## **Reminders regarding Home Visit E/M Codes**

- E/M Codes (99347-99350) **APPLY ONLY** to E/M services furnished to a patient residing in **his or her own private residence** and not any type of facility, according to the Medicare Internet Only Manual (IOM, Publication 100-4, Chapter 12, Section 30.6.14). **Remember, a nursing home, rest home or domiciliary do not count as a patients private residence.**
- To be considered homebound, the patient **does not have to be bedridden** but must have an illness or injury that makes it difficult to leave the home **without supportive devices or another person's help**. The condition of these patients should be such that there exists a normal inability to leave home and, consequently, leaving his or her home **would require a taxing effort**. If the patient does in fact leave the home, the patient may nevertheless be considered homebound if the absences from home are infrequent or for periods of relatively short duration.
- **The home visits should be for established patient.** Place of Service (POS) is not a factor when determining new vs. established. If the provider or anyone in his clinic in the same specialty **saw the patient anywhere in the last 3 years**, then it is **considered established**.