

How we can help you...

Optimize documentation capture by providing education to our clinicians on multiple aspects.

Examples:

- ✓ Elements of a Level of Service (E&M)
HPI, Exam, MDM, Time
- ✓ Preventive and other Patient Management Services
- ✓ Wellness, Advance Care Planning
- ✓ Documenting Acuity (ICD-10)
Complications, Due to
- ✓ HCCs (Hierarchical Condition Categories)
Type 2 DM with Hyperglycemia
Current Insulin Use
S/P LLE Amputation, below the knee
- ✓ Surgical and Procedure Notes
Required Elements
Supporting Medical Necessity
- ✓ Attestations
Surgical
E/M
Resident
Split/Shared
Incident-To

✓ And More...



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Clinical Documentation Improvement - Ambulatory

TIP Sheet #3:

Attestations:

**Residents/Fellows & scribes,
+ Bridge Statements for NPPs**



To Serve, to Heal, to Educate



Attestations when working with Residents

Collaborative notes involving Residents or Fellows with their attending physicians should also include an appropriate attestation by the attending physician. It is important to remember the following:

- The date within the attestation should always be the day the Attending had the face to face encounter with the patient
- If the Attending was not present or did not see the patient within 24 hours of the Resident = Resident only service
 - Resident only service - Attending should select appropriate boxes via EPIC (Non-Teaching and Non-Billable Service Provided)

Things to consider before completing attestation

1. Verify **date** within attestation is correct:
 - Date of service should correlate to the date span of the hospitalization
 - Should be actual date of face-to-face by attending
2. Verify **correct** attestation is being utilized:
 - Use .ATT
 - Bridge statement should not be used on resident note

Physician is allowed to modify/change a Resident's documentation

.ATT

IP/OP Bridge Statements: Physician with Non-Physician Practitioners

Collaborative notes involving Non-Physician Practitioners (NPPs) and a physician in the same group should include a "bridge statement" by the physician. (.ATTBRIDGEAPN) It is important to remember the following:

- Both NPP & Physician must see the patient on the SAME CALENDAR DATE
- Inpatient or Outpatient hospital services
- Commonly referred to as "Split /Share" and ONLY for E/M services (Never Procedures)
- Physician must perform or repeat 1 of the 3 required E/M elements, usually MDM

Tips to remember

1. Bridge statement commonly follows the NPPs documentation
2. If the physician did not see the patient on the same calendar date the as the NPP, it is expected the service belongs to the NPP only
3. The physician's involvement in the encounter should be driven by medical necessity
4. Procedures and Critical care are **never** split/shared
5. All services performed by NPPs must be within the scope of their practice in the State of NJ

****A physician should never modify or change the documentation of the NPP****

Don't forget to verify your documented date of service before finalizing note.

Attestations when working with Medical Scribes

Medical scribes act as a human recorders for providers.

*Documentation must include the following:

- Scribe's attestation to scribing in the presence of provider
- Provider's attestation to the scribe's documentation
- **Authentication must be done personally by both the scribe and physician by signing, dating and timing the entry**
- Final documentation should easily identify both attestations

*Things that are unacceptable in regards to scribes:

- Scribe should not copy forward from previous note
- Resident/Fellows cannot act as Medical scribes (current Cooper policy)
- Scribe cannot document any of their own findings

**.ATT - Physician to Resident/Fellow
.ATTBRIDGEAPN - Physician to NPP
.ATTMDSCRIBE - Provider to Scribe
.ATTSCRIBE - Scribe's use only**