



TO: Physicians, Physician Assistants, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Certified Nurse Midwives and General Hospitals

RE: Split/Shared Medical Visits

The purpose of this provider bulletin is to give non-physician practitioners (NPPs) and their supervising physicians guidance for billing shared/split medical visits in the hospital and office setting. NPPs are defined as physician assistants (PA), advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) and certified nurse midwives (CNM).

NPPs may provide any medically necessary service that is permitted within their scope of practice and performed under the appropriate level of supervision under state law. The Department allows NPPs and physicians who work for the same entity to share patient visits on the same day by billing the combined work under the physician's provider number for 100 percent reimbursement of the fee schedule rate.

When there is a shared/split medical visit, services can be billed under the physician's provider number if at a minimum the following is met:

- A clearly stated reason why the work of the physician was required during the visit in addition to that of the NPP;
- Documentation by the physician for the part(s) of the service that he or she personally provided;
- The aspects of the plan of care, response to care and changes/revisions to the plan of care that are different from that documented by the NPP, or if the documentation provided by the NPP is accurate, complete and sufficient, the physician must attest agreement with this portion of the NPP's note;
- Signature of both the NPP and practitioner providing the services; and
- Date the service was provided.

The documentation must show that the physician had a face-to-face encounter with the patient and

performed a portion of the service. The physician cannot solely attest that he/she agrees with the findings that the NPP has already documented and sign off on the note. If the physician's participation is only a review of the patient's medical record, the service should be billed under the NPP's name and provider number and will be paid at the NPP reimbursement rate.

If you have any questions regarding this bulletin, please contact the Provider Assistance Center at 1-800-842-8440.