

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION CODE COVERAGE BY PAYER

ISMA practice advisors continue to receive calls about coverage of consultation codes (CPT* codes 99241-99245 and 99251-99255) for payers other than Medicare. The following payers were contacted and asked about their coverage policies. The following table summarizes the results:

PAYER	CONSULTATION POLICY			
	Commercial Plans	Medicare Advantage	Medicaid	HIP
Advantage Health Plans	Covers Consultation Codes	Follows Medicare Guidelines, not covered	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Aetna	Covers Consultation Codes	Follows Medicare Guidelines, not covered	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Anthem	Covers unless agreement tied to traditional Medicare	Follows Medicare Guidelines, not covered	Consultation codes will no longer be covered effective for dates of service (DOS) on or after February 1, 2015.**	Does not cover
Cigna	Covers Consultation Codes	Follows Medicare Guidelines, not covered	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Humana	Covers Consultation Codes	Follows Medicare Guidelines, not covered	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Indiana Health Network (IHN)	Covers Consultation Codes	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Indiana Medicaid	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Consultation codes will no longer be covered effective for DOS on or after February 1, 2015.**	Not Applicable
MDwise	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Consultation codes will no longer be covered effective for DOS on or after February 1, 2015.**	Does not cover
MHS	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Consultation codes will no longer be covered effective for DOS on or after February 1, 2015.**	Does not cover
Sagamore	Covers Consultation Codes	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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QUESTIONS?

Contact ISMA Practice Management staff at (800) 257-4762 or (317) 261-2060.

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