

# Ask Dr. Miller



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## **Updated NBCCEDP Allowable Procedures**

*Below are changes to the 2015 NBCCEDP Allowable Procedures and Relevant CPT Codes and updates on the Physician Fee Schedule. Please review carefully and contact your Program Consultant if you have any questions.*

### **1. Revised CPT codes for 2015**

The American Medical Association has changed the 2015 CPT codes for breast ultrasound and HPV testing:

- Deleted codes
  - 76645 - Ultrasound, breast(s), unilateral or bilateral, real time with image documentation
  - 87624 - Human Papillomavirus, high-risk types
- New codes
  - 76641 - Ultrasound, complete examination of breast including axilla, unilateral
  - 76642 - Ultrasound, limited examination of breast including axilla, unilateral
  - 87624 - Human Papillomavirus, high-risk types

These codes have been changed as indicated on CDC's 2015 NBCCEDP Allowable Procedures and Relevant CPT Codes list. As per CMS, the new CPT codes will go into effect on January 1, 2015.

### **2. NBCCEDP changes to the Allowable Procedure and CPT Codes list**

Added office visit code for more complex and longer visit:

- 99214 - Established Patient; detailed history, exam, moderately complex decision-making; 25 minutes
- 88143, 88174, and 88175 no longer have to be reimbursed at the 88142 Medicare rate. They can be reimbursed at their own Medicare rates.

### **3. Updated Physician Fee Schedule for 2015**

Last year the Protecting Access to Medicare Act (PAMA) of 2014 was signed into law on April 1, 2014. This law prevents the scheduled reduction in physician reimbursement fee according to the Sustainable Growth Rate. This delay will end on March 31, 2015. We will continue to monitor updates on this issue.

Revised 2015 reimbursement rates have been posted on the CMS web site. The fee schedules for each state can be found at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/PhysicianFeeSched/PFS-Carrier-Specific-Files.html>. The physician fee look up tool has not yet been updated.