#1 - NF2F: WHOSE TIME COUNTS?

New information from UMB:

- **Time spent performing NF2F work can be the time of the attending AND/OR a qualified health care professional (i.e. APP).**
- **MAs or RNs do not qualify as qualified health care providers (QHCPs) for NF2F work. Their work needs to be captured in Comprehensive Care Management codes.**
- **Advanced Practice Providers (APPS):**
  - Directions are for APPs working in SOS11 (working “incident to”). If you are interested in SOS22 info for APPs, email me separately.
  - **APP enrolled w/ 3rd party payors:** APP work and time counts! Bill under APP name, does not require attending involvement.
  - **APP NOT enrolled w/ 3rd party payors:** Work completed by APP - note forwarded to attending to finalize - bill under the attending name - time for APP + attending is added together = Total Time Spent
  - Dept of Peds must be incurring at least part of the APP cost
    - (UofU employee or leaseback) to count APP’s time
  - **Time Spent** can be all APP time, all attending time, or any combination of APP + attending time
  - **APP + attending:** each documents the work they did and the time they spent - APP forwards the note to the attending to add their part and finalize – coders will add APP + attending = Total Time. Each should document the work they completed and the time they spent.

- **Fellows:**
  - Fellows may contribute to the work and documentation, but ONLY THE ATTENDING TIME IS COUNTED (due to teaching / GME requirements)
  - Fellows can participate in the work and queue up the documentation – but attending must finalize and include only the total time spent by the attending

#2 - NF2F: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THE TIME SPENT IS <31 MINUTES?

- **Time spent does NOT need to meet 31-minute threshold to be counted for billing!**
- **Telephone encounters of ANY DURATION that involve decision making by the attending or APP should be documented in an NF2F note**
- **In addition to traditional NF2F CPT 99358, new opportunities for reimbursing shorter phone calls w/ new code set:** CPT 99441 – 443:
  - Telephone evaluation
  - Time of attending or APP spent on the phone
  - Established patient
  - Does not need to be linked to a previous or upcoming E&M – do document established patient relationship
    - 99441: 5-10 min – 0.25 wRVUs - $60.93
    - 99442: 11-20 min – 0.5 wRVUs - $100.38

DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS RECOMMENDATIONS

- **All NF2F encounters should be documented using the Non Face to Face Note Type in iCentra (Documenting Non-Face-to-Face & Curbside Consults iCentra Tipsheet)**
  - All NF2F workflow processes remain the same, except as noted above for APP participation
  - Document time spent by attending and/or APP – no matter how long the encounter
  - All notes are finalized
  - Coders will assign the most appropriate code

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