



## **Group Visits: Billing**

### **CP3 Toolkit: Expanding Access**

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#### **CMS Comments on Billing for Group Visits:**

"...under existing CPT codes and Medicare rules, a physician could furnish a medically necessary face-to-face E/M visit (CPT code 99213 or similar code depending on level of complexity) to a patient that is observed by other patients. From a payment perspective, there is no prohibition on group members observing while a physician provides a service to another beneficiary."

#### **Chart and bill using E&M coding framework**

1. History
2. Physical exam
3. Medical decision making
  - Prenatal (generally 99213)
  - Chronic disease (generally 99213, 99214)