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)