Medical students are not recognized providers of service for billing purposes. A student may document in a patient’s medical record; however, the only billable service is that provided by the teaching physician.

When a medical student documents an Evaluation and Management (E/M) visit, the teaching physician may verify and then link to the student’s review of systems (ROS) and past, family and social history (PFSH). The teaching physician must re-document the history of present illness (HPI), perform and re-document the physical exam and the assessment/plan for the service. The E/M coding level is based on the teaching physician’s entry and the medical student’s ROS and PFSH (when linked).

A teaching physician co-signature on a medical student note is not a billable service to an insurance plan.

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| 1. Medical student evaluates the patient and documents their history, exam, assessment and plan of the patient. | 1. The teaching physician must independently evaluate the patient. | 1. The Teaching Physician must:  
  • Document the HPI.  
  • Review and verify the medical student’s ROS and PFSH. Link to the medical student’s ROS and PFSH or re-document the ROS and PFSH.  
  • Document the examination of the patient.  
  • Document the assessment and plan.  
  • Sign the entry and the medical student’s entry in the patient’s record. |

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| 1. Medical student scribes for the teaching physician. The medical student is present during the teaching physician’s evaluation of the patient. | 1. The teaching physician independently evaluates the patient. | 1. The Teaching Physician must:  
  • Dictate the patient’s history to the medical student.  
  • Dictate the examination of the patient to the medical student.  
  • Dictate the assessment and plan of the patient to the medical student.  
  2. Medical student must note: “Entered by _____________ acting as scribe for Dr. _____________.” along with a signature, date, and time.  
  3. Teaching must also complete a statement in Cerner such as: “The documentation recorded by the scribe accurately reflects the service I personally performed and the decisions made by me.” along with a signature, date, and time. |