

University Specialty Clinics®/PH Billing Compliance Office
Teaching Physician Supervision of Medical Students
Documentation Guidelines

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.

<i>OUTPATIENT AND INPATIENT E/M VISITS</i>		
Medical Student Independently Sees Patient	Teaching Physician Requirements	Teaching Physician Documentation Requirements
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Document</u> the HPI. • Review and verify the medical student’s ROS and PFSH. <u>Link</u> to the medical student’s ROS and PFSH or re-document the ROS and PFSH. • <u>Document</u> the examination of the patient. • <u>Document</u> the assessment and plan. • <u>Sign</u> the entry <u>and</u> the medical student’s entry in the patient’s record.
Medical Student Acts as Scribe	Teaching Physician Requirements	Documentation Requirements
1. Medical student scribes for the teaching physician. The medical student is present during the teaching physician’s evaluation of the patient. Be aware, that scribing by medical students in the third and fourth year is <u>not</u> allowed.	1. The teaching physician independently evaluates the patient.	1. The Teaching Physician must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Dictate</u> the patient’s history to the medical student. • <u>Dictate</u> the examination of the patient to the medical student. • <u>Dictate</u> 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.