

# University Specialty Clinics®/PH Billing Compliance

## Teaching Physician Documentation Guidelines

<b>INPATIENT E/M VISITS</b>		
<b>ALL PAYERS</b>		
<b>Modifier Requirement</b>	<b>Teaching Physician Requirements</b>	<b>Documentation Requirements</b>
<p><b>Medicare</b> GC Modifier – This service has been performed in part by a resident under the direction of a teaching physician.</p> <p><b>All Other Payers</b> No Modifier is required for resident involvement</p>	<p>ADMISSION INITIATED BY RESIDENT, TEACHING PHYSICIAN DOES NOT EVALUATE PATIENT IN THE HOSPITAL SETTING ON THIS DATE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Teaching Physician must evaluate the patient in the hospital within 24 hours of the admission history and physical performed by the resident.</li> <li>2. The Teaching Physician must repeat the key portions of the service independently.</li> <li>3. The Teaching Physician must use the date that he/she was physically present at the patient’s bedside to bill for the initial hospital service. No charges can be submitted for resident only services.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Teaching Physician must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Link</u> their note to the resident’s signed note.</li> <li>• Document that they have examined the patient.</li> <li>• Document their teaching interaction with the resident.</li> <li>• Document their agreement or changes to the resident’s assessment and plan of care.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. The Teaching Physician must co-sign the resident’s note and <u>sign</u> their own note.</li> </ol> <p><i>Ex. “I saw and evaluated the patient. I agree with the resident’s findings and plan as documented on admission, except the heart murmur is louder so I will obtain an echo to evaluate.”</i></p>
	<p>ADMISSION WITH SAME DAY TEACHING PHYSICIAN EVALUATION, SUBSEQUENT DAY VISIT, OR CONSULTATION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Teaching Physician must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Be physically present with the resident for the key portions of the E/M service, OR</li> <li>b. Repeat the key portions of the service independently.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>The Teaching Physician can only reference the resident’s signed note from the <b>same date of service</b> for a subsequent visit or consultation service.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Teaching Physician must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Link</u> their note to the resident’s signed note.</li> <li>• Document that they have examined the patient.</li> <li>• Document their teaching interaction with the resident.</li> <li>• Document their agreement or changes to the resident’s assessment and plan of care.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. The Teaching Physician must co-sign the resident’s note and <u>sign</u> their own note.</li> </ol> <p><i>Ex. “I saw and evaluated the patient. I agree with the resident’s findings and plan as documented, except the heart murmur is louder so I will obtain an echo to evaluate.”</i></p> <p><i>Ex. “I was present with resident during the history and exam. I discussed the case with the resident and agree the findings and plan as documented in the resident’s note.”</i></p>
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<p>GC Modifier - This service has been performed in part by a resident under the direction of a teaching physician.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Teaching Physician must be present in the office suite and personally evaluate the patient during the visit..</li> <li>2. The Teaching Physician must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Be physically present with the resident for the key portions of the E/M service, OR</li> <li>b. Repeat the key portions of the service independently.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Teaching Physician must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Link</u> their note to the resident’s signed note.</li> <li>• Document that they have examined the patient.</li> <li>• Document their teaching interaction with the resident.</li> <li>• Document their agreement or changes to the resident’s assessment and plan of care.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Both the resident and the Teaching Physician must <u>sign</u> their note in the medical record.</li> </ol> <p><i>Ex. “I saw and evaluated the patient. I agree with the resident’s findings and plan as documented, except the heart murmur is louder so I will obtain an echo to evaluate.”</i></p> <p><i>Ex. “I was present with resident during the history and exam. I discussed the case with the resident and agree the findings and plan as documented in the resident’s note.”</i></p>
<b>ALL PAYERS EXCEPT MEDICARE</b>		
<p>No Modifier is required for resident involvement.</p>	<p>The Teaching Physician must be present in the office suite and immediately available to direct or provide patient services.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The medical record must include a statement referencing the Teaching Physician’s presence and involvement in the service.</li> <li>2. Both the resident and the Teaching Physician must sign the note in the medical record.</li> </ol>