

## Internal Medicine Coding Alert

### Reader Question: Report 99341-99345 for Home Visits

**Question:** How should we report home visits?

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**Answer:** You should code home visits similar to the way you report regular office visits. When the internist performs an E/M service in the private residence of a new patient, you should choose from 99341-99345 (Home visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient ...). For established patient visits, use 99347-99350 (Home visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient ...).

As with in-office visits with new patients, your physician must meet all of the requirements for history, examination and decision-making to correctly use 99341-99345. You have to meet two of those requirements when using 99347-99350.

**Remember:** The medical record should document that your physician was present in the patient's home. Also, the record must support a medically necessary reason for the home visit in lieu of an office visit. The patient doesn't have to be confined to the home but must have a chief complaint, such as diabetes (250.xx).