

Internal Medicine Coding Alert

See How the 2006 NF Codes Stack Up Against 2005's Services

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You can keep track of the new nursing facility codes' requirements and compare them to the old versions without flipping between old and new CPT manuals if you post your quick reference to 99304-99318 service levels.

CPT 2006 creates eight new nursing facility services codes and two new subsections ("Initial Nursing Facility Care" and "Other Nursing Facility Services"). The new subsections' codes (99304-99306 and 99318 respectively) replace the deleted "Comprehensive Nursing Facility Assessments" codes (99301-99303).

Note: Deleted codes appear in gray. "NA" in "Typical time" column means "None assigned."

Bonus: For an expanded list of CPT 2006 changes, such as new hydration codes 90760-90761, that may affect your internal medicine practice, e-mail the editor in chief at jgodreau@medville.com.  