

ENT Coding Best Practices Guide




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ENT Code Ranges in 2022

The following are updated CPT codes for ENT services used in 2022:

- **31233** – diagnostic nasal/sinus endoscopy with maxillary sinusoscopy
 - **31235** – diagnostic nasal/sinus endoscopy with sphenoid sinusoscopy
 - **31292** – surgical nasal/sinus endoscopy with orbital decompression; medial or inferior wall
 - **31293** – surgical nasal/sinus endoscopy with orbital decompression; medial and inferior wall
 - **31294** – surgical nasal/sinus endoscopy with optic nerve decompression
 - **31295** – maxillary sinus ostium, transnasal or via canine fossa surgical nasal/sinus endoscopy with dilation
 - **31296** -frontal sinus ostium surgical nasal/sinus endoscopy with dilation
 - **31297** – sphenoid sinus ostium surgical nasal/sinus endoscopy with dilation
 - **31298** – frontal and sphenoid sinus ostia surgical nasal/sinus endoscopy with dilation
 - **74210** – pharynx and/or cervical esophagus radiology examination
 - **74220** – esophagus radiology examination
 - **74230** – swallowing function with cineradiography/videoradiography radiology examination
 - **92626** – first hour of postoperative status of a surgically implanted device or auditory function for surgically implanted device evaluation
 - **92627** – Each additional 15 minutes of postoperative status of a surgically implanted device or auditory function for surgically implanted device evaluation
 - **94728** – Oscillometry airway resistance
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ENT Modifiers

Modifiers can help you to increase your collections by making your claims more specific and accurate.

- **310** – Not vaccinated against COVID-19
- **311** – Partly vaccinated against COVID-19
- **39** – Indicates any other under-immunized status



5 Common Mistakes ENT Specialists Make With Their Medical Billing

Codes Aren't Accurate

Mistakes with coding can cost your practice in multiple ways. To start, inaccurate codes are more likely to be rejected by insurance companies. This then results in a delay in collections because the claim has to be filed again. On top of that, repeated mistakes can result in your practice getting flagged for auditing. This is because inaccurate codes are a sign of fraud.

Solution

Outsource your medical billing to an expert who will be familiar with specific codes and regulations.

Insurance Isn't Verified Often Enough

Billing can take a long time if you're not sending claims to the correct insurance company. It's therefore essential to frequently check with patients that you have the right insurance information for them. Asking patients if they've changed their insurance every time they come in can help to ensure you're billing the right place.

Solution

Ask patients for insurance information every time they visit.

Claims Aren't Filed on Time

Filing claims late is another mistake that ENT specialists can make. Your practice is busy treating patients and sometimes claims can be delayed. However, this can result in lost profit because claims typically have a deadline. If that deadline isn't met, you may be missing out on potential collections.

Solution

Choose one staff member to focus on billing.

Patients Aren't Billed Enough

Another mistake that ENT specialists may make with their billing is not billing enough. Underbilling frequently occurs when the staff members handling claims aren't knowledgeable enough about different rules and codes.

Solution

Make sure that staff members handling claims are fully trained.

Codes Aren't Specific Enough

If your codes are too general, you could be missing out on collections. This could result in lower profits for your practice.

Solution

Outsource your billing to a company with experts in CPT codes and billing.

Questions about improving your practice? We'd love to chat about solutions that can reduce your stress and increase your profitability. Visit us at questns.com or email us at info@questns.com.



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