

FAQs for ID Add-On Code G0545

1. What is the new ID add-on code, G0545, used for under the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System?

Answer:

HCPCS code G0545 is an add-on code that reflects the additional complexity and intensity of hospital inpatient or observation E/M services specifically related to infectious diseases. It is used by providers with specialized training in infectious diseases to account for their expertise in managing complex or suspected infectious conditions.

2. When can G0545 be reported?

Answer:

G0545 can be reported in addition to the base inpatient or observation E/M codes (99221-99223, 99231-99236, 99238, and 99239) for cases where infectious disease complexity warrants additional evaluation and management. It can be used for initial, subsequent, or same-day discharge visits, provided the infectious disease-specific work is documented.

3. Can G0545 be billed for outpatient visits?

Answer:

No, G0545 is only applicable to hospital inpatient or observation E/M services. It cannot be reported for outpatient visits or other settings outside of inpatient or observation care.

4. How does G0545 differ from other add-on codes like G2211?

Answer:

While G2211 addresses the complexity of care in primary care and specialties in the outpatient setting, G0545 is specific to infectious disease care in the hospital inpatient or observation setting. G0545 accounts for tasks like managing antimicrobial resistance, coordinating



with public health agencies, and handling complex infectious disease management.

5. What documentation is required to bill G0545?

Answer:

There is no specific documentation requirement, however the documentation in the medical record should reflect the medical necessity and confirmed or suspected infectious disease as appropriate including diagnoses, assessment, and plan of care.

6. Can G0545 be used multiple times during a hospital stay?

Answer:

Yes, G0545 can be reported on multiple dates during the same hospital stay, as long as the infectious disease-specific complexity is evident and properly documented for each date of service.

7. Does G0545 apply to inpatient observation visits by infectious disease specialists only?

Answer:

While G0545 is intended for use by providers with specialized training in infectious diseases, it can apply to any provider with the expertise to manage the documented complexity associated with infectious diseases. However, infectious disease specialists are the most likely to use this code.

8. Is G0545 reimbursed separately?

Answer:

Yes, G0545 is an add-on code and is reimbursed separately in addition to the base E/M code (e.g., 99223 or 99233). The additional work RVU of 0.89 reflects the added complexity.

9. Can G0545 be used for telemedicine services?

Answer:

No, G0545 is specific to hospital inpatient or observation services and cannot be used for telemedicine visits.



10. How does CMS ensure appropriate use of G0545?

Answer:

CMS requires that documentation clearly supports the infectious disease-specific complexity, including tasks such as coordinating with labs or public health agencies, managing antimicrobial resistance, or developing complex care plans. Claims may be subject to audit to ensure compliance.

11. Can this code be used for non-Medicare billing?

Answer:

No, HCPCS code G0545 is currently only being covered by Medicare.