

# CPT code billing audit

Specialty-specific coding checklist with commonly missed codes, modifier traps, and a 30-day fix list.

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**SAMPLE REPORT.** Names, numbers, and findings are illustrative. Your delivered report is built from your own intake responses and benchmarked against your specialty + region.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We identified 7 codes your specialty typically under-bills. Estimated recovery: \$58K/year at your visit volume.

The analysis below benchmarks your practice against peers in your specialty and region and quantifies the dollar impact of each opportunity. Findings are ranked by net contribution, then by time-to-launch. Every dollar figure carries a methodology citation in the appendix.

## KEY FINDINGS

| Under-coded category            | Codes affected         | Est. annual recovery |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Prolonged services (G2212)      | Under-billed 80%       | \$18,200             |
| Care management add-ons (99439) | Missed entirely        | \$14,800             |
| Advance care planning (99497)   | Billed 12% of eligible | \$9,600              |
| Modifier 25 utilization         | Inconsistent           | \$8,400              |
| Tobacco cessation (99406/99407) | Never billed           | \$4,200              |

## IN YOUR DELIVERED REPORT

- 7–12 under-coded CPT codes for your specialty, each with an annual recovery estimate (\$)

*Assumes:* Recovery = (industry-typical billing rate – your reported rate) × your reported encounter volume × current reimbursement; conservative side of the range.

- Per-code documentation requirements + EHR macro suggestions to support proper billing

*Assumes:* Macro syntax shown for Epic, Athena, eClinicalWorks, and DrChrono; adapt for other EHRs manually.

- Modifier + coverage matrix for the 4 largest national payers (Medicare, BCBS, UHC, Aetna)

*Assumes:* Based on 2024 published policies; regional BCBS plans may vary — flagged where they typically do.

- 30-day action plan: which 3 codes to fix first and the exact biller hand-off script

*Assumes: Prioritized by recovery \$ × ease-of-fix; assumes you have a biller (in-house or service) who can implement.*

● **AMA CPT descriptor + payer policy citation for every recommendation**

*Assumes: So your biller or compliance officer can verify every claim before changing workflow — no black boxes.*

## METHODOLOGY & SOURCES

1. We compare your specialty's common visit mix against your reported coding patterns to surface under-coded categories.
2. Recovery estimates are intentionally conservative — we use your reported visit volume, not aspirational growth.
3. Every recommendation cites the AMA CPT descriptor and major-payer policy reference so your biller can verify.

*Benchmarks: MGMA DataDive 2023, CMS Physician Fee Schedule (current year), regional peer panel (n=42). All recovery estimates are directional and intentionally conservative.*

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