Inpatient Billing Cheat Sheet

This cheat sheet provides a quick and structured guide for healthcare providers and billing professionals to navigate inpatient billing processes efficiently.

CPT codes				
Code	Description	CPT prolonged service codes	CPT threshold	
99205	New patient office or other outpatient services	+99417	75 mins	
99215	Established patient office or other outpatient services	+99417	55 mins	
99418	Additional 15-minute increments beyond the highest level of inpatient service.	+99418	15 mins	
99221-99223	Initial inpatient care codes (based on history, examination, and medical decision-making).	+99418	90 mins	
99231-99233	Subsequent hospital visit codes.	+99418	50 mins	
99236	Observation or inpatient care services	+99418	85 mins	
99238-99239	Discharge management services (based on time spent on discharge day).	N/A	30 mins or less	
99245	Office or other outpatient consultation for new or established patient	+99417	70 mins	
99255	Inpatient/observation consultation for a new or established patient	+99418	95 mins	
99306	Initial nursing facility care or even greater complexity	+99418	60 mins	
99310	Subsequent nursing facility care for patients with extremely high complexity health conditions	+99418	60 mins	
99345	New patient home or residence visit	+99417	90 mins	
99350	Established patient home or residence visits for new patients within the realm of Evaluation and Management (E/M) services.	+99417	75 mins	
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Claim submission	Submit claims upon discharge or use interim billing every 60 days for extended stays.			
Type of bill codes	111: Admit to discharge112: First interim claim113: Continuing interim claim114: Final interim claim			
Time-based services	Accurately document prolonged services (e.g., 99418) in 15-minute increments.			

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