

Weekly tips from ERG documentation committee to improve our documentation under the new 2023 CMS Guidelines – Week 8 – Summary

*This is only for **Level 4/5 charts (99284/99285)**

Summary of Chart Requirements:

- So how do you use all the information that you have gotten to generate a concise billable chart without spending hours documenting??

- **Key Features:**

- Good HPI with **relevant PMH and differential diagnosis** to help the coder determine COPA. Remember to **add PMH in dispo diagnosis** and click – **“exacerbation/severe and/or threat to life or bodily function” buttons if level 5.**
- Ordered **3 tests** or wrote “considered ordering” 3 tests in MDM.
- **Interpret at least 1 of your radiology studies** – must say **“interpreted by myself.”**
- **EKG’s** should always be interpreted in your chart with the phrase **“interpreted by myself.”**
- Think about **rhythm strips** if the patient is on the monitor – **rate, rhythm and time** of interpretation and do not forget **“interpreted by myself”.**
- Place your **orders in your chart.**
- Place **meds in your chart.** If you didn’t give a med in the department or on discharge, **is there a med you considered? If so, list it in your chart.**
- **Review Parenteral & Drugs requiring monitoring for toxicity** lists. Remember that ordering the med is not enough, **you need to discuss how you will continue to monitor the patient.** Click the respective **button on MDM.**
- Remember to describe who you talked with in your chart, such as **independent historians and/or medical providers** that help in the disposition of the patient.
- On **discharged patients**, if you felt they required studies to further evaluate their presenting complaint, don’t forget to **document consideration of hospitalization and click the button on MDM.**

Please feel free to reach out to me or any of the documentation committee with any questions/comments.

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