

Provider Update



Place of service for practitioner services performed in outpatient hospital setting

Summary of change: Effective January 1, 2016, there will be revisions to the place of service (POS) codes that can be utilized for physician or practitioner services performed in an outpatient setting.

✦ **What this means to you:** Physicians/practitioners who perform services in an off-campus hospital, outpatient department will use POS 19 unless the physician maintains separate office space in an off-campus hospital and physician's office space is not considered a provider-based department of the hospital as defined in 42.C.F.R 413.65.

- POS 19 (off-campus outpatient hospital) — A portion of an off-campus hospital, provider-based department which provides diagnostic, therapeutic (both surgical and nonsurgical) rehabilitation services to sick or injured persons who do not require hospitalization or institutionalization

Physicians/practitioners who perform services in a hospital on campus outpatient department will use POS code 22. POS code 22 will be used unless the physician maintains separate office space on the hospital campus and physician's office space is not considered a provider-based department of the hospital as defined in 42. C.F.R. 413.65.

- POS 22 (On campus outpatient hospital) — A portion of a hospital's main campus which provides diagnostic, therapeutic (both surgical and nonsurgical) rehabilitation services to sick or injured persons who do not require hospitalization or institutionalization.

What is the impact of this change?

Physicians will use POS code 11 (office) when services are performed in a separately maintained physician office space in the hospital, on hospital campus or off-campus and physician's office space is not considered a provider-based department of the hospital as defined in 42.C.F.R. 413.65.

What if I need assistance?

If you have questions, please contact your local Provider Relations representative or call our Provider Services team at 1-800-454-3730.

