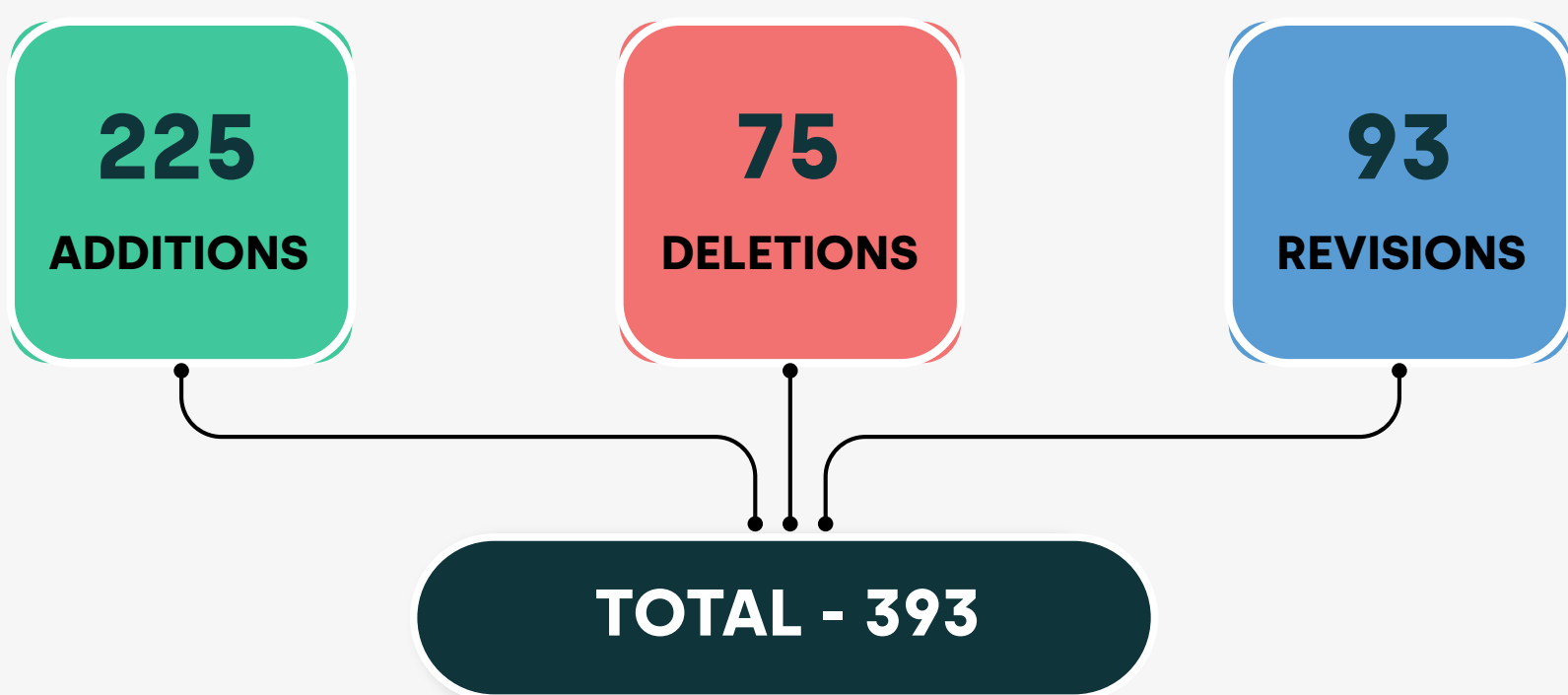


A Quick Guide To CPT CHANGES JANUARY 2023

Code changes are Effective from January 1, 2023.



Summary of Number of CPT Code Changes in 2023



Overview

- The most significant changes are to the evaluation and management (E/M), percutaneous pulmonary artery revascularization, hernia repairs, lab and pathology, and COVID-19 vaccination codes.
- Two new appendices are added: Appendix S and T
- The American Medical Association (AMA) released the following changes for the year 2023 for the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) code set which is shown in the below table.

New Appendices



Appendix-S

Artificial Intelligence Taxonomy for Medical Services and Procedures



Appendix-T

CPT Codes That May Be Used For Synchronous Real-Time Interactive Audio-Only Telemedicine Services

Code sections that have undergone significant changes:



Evaluation & management services

Changes in leveling an E&M service and revised time descriptor has resulted in remarkable changes in E&M billing and documentation guidelines. Let's keep ourselves updated to optimize the reimbursement with compliance.



Leveling options

MDM or Time



MDM

A new version of the medical decision making (MDM) table is available for use with any other E/M categories where MDM is a coding option.



Time

The time specified in the service descriptors is used to choose the appropriate level of services when time is used for reporting E/M service codes.



Emergency departments

Time is NOT a descriptive component for the emergency department levels of E/M services.

What CMS says for 2023?

Calendar Year (CY) 2023 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule for E&M

As of January 1st, 2023. The CPT code definition updates (revisions to the Other E/M code descriptors) included in this updated coding and documentation framework include:

New descriptor times (where relevant).

Guidelines for levels of medical decision-making have been revised.

Deciding when to make medical decisions or what code level to use (except for a few families like E/M department visits and cognitive impairment assessment, which are not timed services)

🔔 Stay tuned for detailed E&M guidelines changes in the next article.

Revisions in the Surgery section

Percutaneous Pulmonary Artery	Hernia Repair	Major Changes in Medicine Section
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Percutaneous pulmonary artery revascularization with stent implantation in CPT® 2023 - 5 new CPT® codes available• Formation of percutaneous arteriovenous fistulas - 2 additional codes added.• Included - Parentheticals and introductory norms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Removed -18 codes Established - 15 new codes• Included - Parentheticals and introductory instructions• The new code family is open to any approach.• Code selection based on aspects of procedure like<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Reducibility- Incarceration- Strangulation- Initial or recurrence- Extent of the overall defect	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Added - 4 New add-on codes• Injection procedure for selective Pulmonary angiography• Performed during Cardiac catheterization

🔔 Stay tuned with CoverSelf for a detailed section specific, billing and documentation guidelines for CPT changes 2023.

References:

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