



MAKE YOUR EMR WORK FOR YOU

A check of the traffic should show the fastest route toward complete coding with minimal effort.

Take a shortcut to complete coding by making your EMR work for you!

- Remove unspecific codes from “quick pick” or preference lists.
- Ensure your EMR setup results in a valid signature format – examples below:
 - Legible full signature or first initial and last name followed by credentials (MD, DO, etc.) and date signed
 - Illegible signature over a typed or printed name followed by credentials and date signed
 - “Electronically signed by” followed by provider’s name, credentials, and date signed
- Adjust your settings to require a Dx to be linked to every prescription written
- Use links to pull all diagnoses and associated orders into the visit’s progress note assessment and plan
- Make sure every Dx code has its description listed next to it in the assessment

Want to know more?

Email our Provider Engagement Team at ProviderEngagementTeam@Premera.com and ask for tips to configure your EMR to work for you.



ANNUAL CODING OF CHRONIC CONDITIONS

You know where you're headed, but don't forget you have a few stops to make on the way to your final destination!

You're accustomed to taking excellent care of your patients and whatever concerns they bring to the appointment. But whether it's a history of cancer or status post-kidney transplant that happened 10 years ago, addressing and coding of all chronic and complex conditions (chief complaint or not) is important too! In fact, clinicians are asked to code all chronic and complex conditions yearly... otherwise it's assumed your patients are magically cured and completely healthy!

How does annual coding of chronic conditions fit into your workflow?

Pick your favorite travel route below:

- I address all chronic conditions at the first visit of the year for each patient. This works great for "infrequent flyers"!
- I have schedulers add additional time to preventive appointments scheduled for members flagged in our EMR as having chronic conditions. They discuss possibility of a copay with the patient if they need a problem-focused visit.
- I address all chronic and complex conditions at each patient's preventive exam and schedule an additional visit if necessary. (I also outreach to all my patients who are due for a preventive exam to make sure they get scheduled.)
- I use a population health system to remind me and my staff to cover certain conditions when the patient is in my office.