Payment for Evaluation and Management Services and Procedures Performed on the Same Day

It is the position of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (the Academy) that Medicare, Medicaid, workers' compensation and private third-party insurance carriers should reimburse physiatric evaluation and management services and any appropriate procedure, when performed on the same day. The types of procedures include, but are not limited to, the following:

- electromyography
- nerve conduction studies
- intra-articular injections
- drainage of effusions
- trigger point injections
- tendon sheath injections
- epidural steroids
- facet injections

It is the Academy's position that procedures such as these should only be performed after an appropriate history and physical have been taken, and they are deemed necessary. In many cases, it would be more costly to perform the evaluation and management service and the procedure on separate days.

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