

Coding Brief: New Code for Pelvic Examination

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For the CPT 2024 code set, a new code (99459) was established to report pelvic examination in the Other Evaluation and Management Services subsection of the Evaluation and Management (E/M) section. A parenthetical note was added to direct users to the appropriate codes for this service. This coding brief provides an overview of code 99459 and its intent and use.

Other Evaluation and Management Services

99459 Pelvic examination (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

(Use 99459 in conjunction with 99202, 99203, 99204, 99205, 99212, 99213, 99214, 99215, 99242, 99243, 99244, 99245, 99383, 99384, 99385, 99386, 99387, 99393, 99394, 99395, 99396, 99397)

99499 Unlisted evaluation and management service

Because the existing preventive medicine service codes (99381-99397) were valued by age instead of gender, new add-on code 99459 was established to address the potentially misvalued preventive care codes and to capture the additional resources during a pelvic examination as part of the service for preventive medicine or E/M services for those who require pelvic examinations. Code 99459 is a practice-expense only code.

The following clinical example and procedural description reflect a typical clinical scenario for which this new code would be appropriately reported.



Clinical Example (99459)

A 35-year-old patient presents with post-coital and irregular vaginal bleeding that has worsened over the last 6 months and is not controlled with hormonal medications. [**Note:** This is an add-on code. Only consider the additional resources related to the pelvic examination.]

Description of Procedure (99459)

N/A