

2024 TCM Chart Review Generalized Findings and Tips

- TCM billed without an interactive patient communication which should be within 2 business days of discharge.
 - Though TCM encounter is appropriate after hospital discharge, be sure to look for the TCM phone call or patient outreach before billing TCM code.
- TCM billed after Emergency Department visits and should only be billed after an Inpatient or Observation Stay
 - Make sure before billing a TCM code that the patient had a discharge summary from an inpatient or observation stay as it is required that you review the discharge summary for TCM.
- TCM billed without Medical Decision Making or only moderate complexity MDM billed with 99496.
 - TCM visit 99495 requires moderate MDM.
 - Prescription drug management by discussing the changes in medications or new medications prescribed.
 - Reviewing tests and labs from hospital stay OR ordering new tests and labs.
 - Documenting if social determinants of health significantly limit treatment.
 - Independent interpretation of tests performed in the hospital.
 - Addressing the diagnoses that were addressed in the hospital.
 - TCM visit 99496 requires high MDM.
 - The chronic illness has severe exacerbation or progression after hospital stay requiring re-hospitalization.
 - The acute/chronic illness may pose threat to life or bodily function.
 - Decision to de-escalate care or DNR due to poor prognosis.
 - Drug therapy prescribed in the hospital requires intensive monitoring for toxicity.
 - 2 of 3 components for data
 - (3) hospital tests reviewed or ordering new tests
 - Independent interpretation of hospital tests
 - Discussion of management or interpretation of tests by another provider
- Use the TCM expressway and smart phrase available.
 - The TCM expressway will allow you to document the date of admission, date of discharge and TCM phone call.
 - **Date of Admission:**
Date of Discharge:
Date of TCM Call:
 - Smart phrases will show that the discharge summary was reviewed, and medications were reconciled.
 - ***DISCHARGE SUMMARY REVIEWED IN EMR.**
***MEDICATIONS RECONCILED PRE AND POST DISCHARGE.**