

Cognitive Assessment & Care Plan Services CMS

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Statewide Efforts Underway



Who Can Offer Cognitive Assessment and Care Plan Services?

Any clinician eligible to report evaluation and management (E/M) services can offer this service.

Eligible providers include:

- Physicians (MD and DO)
- Nurse practitioners
- Clinical nurse specialists
- Physician assistants

What's Included in Cognitive Assessment and Care Planning?

The cognitive assessment includes a detailed history and patient exam.

An independent historian must be present for assessments and when you provide corresponding care plans under CPT code 99483.

An independent historian can be a parent, spouse, guardian, or other individual who provides the history when a patient isn't able to provide complete or reliable medical history themselves.

The cognitive assessment takes 50 minutes to perform face-to-face with the patient and independent historian.



Requirements

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2. Record and review the patient's history, reports, and records
3. Conduct a functional assessment of Basic and Instrumental Activities of Daily Living, including decision-making capacity
4. Use standardized instruments for staging of dementia like the Functional Assessment Staging Test (FAST) and Clinical Dementia Rating (CDR)
5. Reconcile and review for high-risk medications, if applicable

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