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CARD 10-001 | TERM	CARD 10-001 | DEFINITION
Acute Illness Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	An illness or condition with a sudden onset and limited duration, as opposed to a chronic condition.
CARD 10-002 | TERM	**CARD 10-002 | DEFINITION**
Chronic Illness Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	A condition that is persistent and long-lasting in its effects. May be stable or may exacerbate.
CARD 10-003 | TERM	**CARD 10-003 | DEFINITION**
Cloned Note Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Documentation that is copied forward from a prior visit without meaningful individualization; a significant audit risk and potential false claims issue.

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CARD 10-004 | TERM	CARD 10-004 | DEFINITION
Consultation Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	A service provided by a physician at the request of another provider to render an expert opinion, meeting the Three R's (Request, Render, Report).

CARD 10-005 | TERM	CARD 10-005 | DEFINITION
Critical Care Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Direct delivery of medical care for a critically ill or injured patient whose condition impairs vital organ systems with high risk of imminent deterioration.

CARD 10-006 | TERM	CARD 10-006 | DEFINITION
Established Patient Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	For applicable E/M services, a patient who has received professional services within the past three years from the physician or qualified health care professional, or another of the same specialty and subspecialty in the same group.

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CARD 10-007 | TERM	CARD 10-007 | DEFINITION
Evaluation and Management (E/M) Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	The category of CPT codes representing physician evaluation of patient condition and management of care.
CARD 10-008 | TERM	**CARD 10-008 | DEFINITION**
Medical Decision Making (MDM) Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	One of two methods (along with total time) for selecting an E/M code level, based on three elements: problems, data, and risk.
CARD 10-009 | TERM	**CARD 10-009 | DEFINITION**
Modifier -25 Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	A CPT modifier appended to a problem-oriented E/M code to indicate a significant, separately identifiable E/M service was performed on the same date as a preventive medicine service or procedure.

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CARD 10-010 | TERM	CARD 10-010 | DEFINITION
New Patient Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	For applicable E/M services, a patient who has not received professional services within the past three years from the physician or qualified health care professional, or another of the same specialty and subspecialty in the same group.

CARD 10-011 | TERM	CARD 10-011 | DEFINITION
Prolonged Service Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	An extended service beyond a designated time threshold; reporting requires the applicable code, qualifying service, and payer-specific rules.

CARD 10-012 | TERM	CARD 10-012 | DEFINITION
Self-Limited Problem Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	A condition that runs a definite, prescribed course and is not likely to permanently alter health status (e.g., common cold, minor contusion).

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CARD 10-013 | TERM	CARD 10-013 | DEFINITION
SOAP Note Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	A documentation format: Subjective, Objective, Assessment, Plan; the standard structure for clinical encounter notes.
CARD 10-014 | TERM	**CARD 10-014 | DEFINITION**
Three R's Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	The three criteria for consultation coding: Request, Render, Report.
CARD 10-015 | TERM	**CARD 10-015 | DEFINITION**
Three-Year Rule Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	The three-year lookback used for new versus established patient status in applicable E/M categories; same group, specialty, and subspecialty matter.

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CARD 10-016 | TERM	CARD 10-016 | DEFINITION
Total Time Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	For E/M categories allowing time-based selection, the eligible physician or qualified health care professional time counted under that category's rules; staff time and separately reported services are excluded.
CARD 10-017 | TERM	**CARD 10-017 | DEFINITION**
Two-of-Three Rule (2-of-3) Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	The MDM selection rule: at least two of the three MDM elements must meet or exceed the threshold for a given MDM level to apply.
CARD 10-018 | TERM	**CARD 10-018 | DEFINITION**
Upcoding Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Reporting a service level higher than the documentation and coding rules support.

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CARD 10-019 | TERM

Undercoding

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CARD 10-019 | DEFINITION

Reporting a lower-level code than is supported by the documentation; results in lost revenue and may reflect inadequate documentation practices.

CARD 10-020 | TERM

Independent historian

Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery

CARD 10-020 | DEFINITION

Someone supplying history in addition to or instead of the patient because the patient's history is incomplete or unreliable, under E/M criteria.

CARD 10-021 | TERM

Independent interpretation

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CARD 10-021 | DEFINITION

A clinician's own interpretation of a test performed by another, distinct from merely reviewing the written result; E/M counting follows applicable rules.

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CARD 10-022 | TERM	CARD 10-022 | DEFINITION
Preventive medicine service	A service focused on age-appropriate prevention and health assessment rather than only a current complaint.
Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	

CARD 10-023 | TERM	CARD 10-023 | DEFINITION
Problem-oriented visit	An encounter addressing a symptom, condition, or management problem.
Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	