

99239 REQUIRES MINUTES SPENT

In the past, I was ok with physicians documenting “More than 31 minutes spent on discharge day services”, until someone pointed out to me that Medicare and some other carriers stipulate “the provider must clearly indicate in the patient’s medical record the total duration of time spent when performing these services”. So, to be safe, in case you get an auditor who had a flat tire on the way to work or who is just having a rotten day, you should document the “total duration” every time you bill for a hospital discharge.

