

TELEHEALTH CHEAT SHEET

TEMPORARY CHANGES UNDER 135 WAIVER

The following are Medicare's temporary telehealth restrictions that have been eased or adapted during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency:

GEOGRAPHIC

Medicare patients all over the country can receive telehealth services from hospitals, doctors' offices, and even their home.

Typically, patients must be treated from a healthcare facility located in a county outside of a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) or a rural Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) located in a rural census tract.

DEVICES

Any non-public-facing apps on any device with audio/visual capabilities may be used, despite possible privacy threats, without OCR HIPAA violations.

Typically, HIPAA guidelines limit the allowed devices and apps that may be used.

NEW AND ESTABLISHED PATIENTS

New **and** established patients may be seen without threat of OIG investigation.

Typically, only established patients can be treated via telehealth.

When the President declares a disaster or emergency under the Stafford Act or National Emergencies Act and the HHS Secretary declares a public health emergency under Section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, the Secretary is authorized to take certain actions in addition to her regular authorities.

POSCODES
During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, **use the POS code that would have been reported had the service been furnished in person.** Typically, **POS code 02** is used for telehealth services.

IMPORTANT DATES
MARCH 1, 2020: Begin using temporary telehealth codes.
MARCH 6, 2020: Begin using telehealth under eased restrictions.

TELEHEALTH MODIFIERS

-95 Synchronous Telemedicine Service
Rendered Via a Real-Time Interactive Audio and Video Telecommunications System. Check Appendix P for available codes.

Use for Medicare only during the Covid-19 Public Health Emergency along with POS code that would have been reported had the service been furnished in person. Modifier -95 is not typically required by Medicare. For other payers, it may be used with codes indicated in Appendix P of CPT book (underlined codes on back).

-GQ Telehealth service rendered via asynchronous telecommunications system.

For Medicare, use only for telehealth services as part of a federal telemedicine demonstration project in Alaska and Hawaii.

-GT Telehealth service rendered via interactive audio and video telecommunications system.

For Medicare, use only for telehealth services billed under CAH Method II.

-GO Telehealth services billed for purposes of diagnosis and treatment of an acute stroke.

Required for Medicare.

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COMMON TELEHEALTH CPT/HCPCS CODES

PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES

90785
90791
90792
90832
90833
90834
90836
90837
90838
90839
90840
90845
90846
90847
96130****
96131****
96132****
96133****
96136****
96137****
96138****
96139****

END STAGE RENAL DISEASE

90951
90952
90954
90955
90957
90958
90960
90961
90963
90964
90965
90966
90967
90968
90969
90970

SPEECH THERAPY****

92507
92521

92522
92523
92524

BEHAVIOR ASSESSMENT/ INTERVENTION*

96116
96150
96151
96152
96153
96154

HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT

96160
96161

PHYSICAL & OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY****

97110
97112
97116
97161
97162
97163
97164
97165
97166
97167
97168
97535
97750
97755
97760
97761

MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY

97802
97803
97804
G0270

OFFICE/OUTPATIENT VISITS

99201

99202
99203
99204
99205
99211
99212
99213
99214
99215

INPATIENT & OBSERVATION SERVICES****

99217
99218
99219
99220
99221
99222
99223
99234
99235
99236
99238
99239

SUBSEQUENT HOSPITAL SERVICES**

99231
99232
99233

ED VISITS****

99281
99282
99283
99284
99285

CRITICAL CARE****

99291
99292
99468
99469
99471
99472

SUBSEQUENT NURSING CARE FACILITY SERVICES***

99307
99308
99309
99310

PROLONGED SERVICES

99354
99355
99356
99357
G0513
G0514

SMOKING CESSATION

99406
99407
G0436
G0437

TRANSITIONAL CARE MANAGEMENT

99495
99496

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING

99497
99498

DISEASE EDUCATION

G0108
G0109
G0420
G0421

LUNG CANCER SCREENING

G0296

ALCOHOL/ SUBSTANCE ABUSE ASSESSMENT/

SCREENING/ TREATMENT

G0396
G0397
G0442
G0443
G2086
G2087
G2088

TELEHEALTH CONSULTATIONS, ER/IP, INITIAL

G0406
G0407
G0408
G0425
G0426
G0427

ANNUAL WELLNESS VISIT

G0438
G0439

DEPRESSION SCREENING

G0444

BEHAVIOR THERAPY

G0445
G0446
G0447

PHARMACOLOGIC MANAGEMENT

G0459

CHRONIC CARE MANAGEMENT

G0506

CRITICAL CARE CONSULTATION

G0508
G0509

NOTE: Check descriptions and requirements in the CPT and HCPCS manuals before billing to Medicare or other payers.

Some payers may require underlined codes to include Modifier -95. Use Modifier -95 for all telehealth codes billed to Medicare under during the national emergency.

*Codes 96150-96154 have been deleted in CPT for 2020 and replaced with 96156, 96158, 96159, 96164, 96165, 96167, 96168, 96170, 96171, however, CMS still lists the former codes.

**Allowed once every three days for Medicare.

***Allowed once every 30 days for Medicare.

****Codes approved only during the COVID-19 national emergency.



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