

# Special coding advice during COVID-19 public health emergency

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**COVID-19 UPDATE** 

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- The coding scenarios in this document are designed to apply best coding practices. The American Medical Association (AMA) has worked to ensure that all payors are applying the greatest flexibility to our physicians in providing care to their patients during this public health crisis.
- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) <u>lifted</u> Medicare restrictions on the use of telehealth services during the COVID-19 emergency. Key changes effective March 1, and lasting throughout the national public health emergency include:
  - Medicare will pay physicians for telehealth services at the same rate as in-person visits for all diagnoses, not just services related to COVID-19.
  - Patients can receive telehealth services in all areas of the country and in all settings, including at their home.
  - CMS expanded the <u>list</u> of services eligible to be reported via telehealth (link here)
  - CMS will permit reporting of telehealth E/M office or other outpatient visits based on time or Medical Decision Making (MDM).
  - The Qualified Healthcare Professionals that are eligible for telehealth has been expanded. Additional codes for these services were also added to the CMS telehealth list.
  - CMS has clarified that telehealth services are permitted with both new and established patients.
  - Physicians can reduce or waive cost-sharing for telehealth visits.
  - Physicians licensed in one state can provide services to Medicare beneficiaries in another state. State licensure laws still apply.
- HHS Office for Civil Rights offers flexibility for telehealth via popular video chat applications, such as FaceTime or Skype, during the pandemic.
- AMA's <u>telemedicine quick guide</u> has detailed information to support physicians and practices in expediting implementation of telemedicine.
- Disclaimer: Information provided by the AMA contained within this Guide is for medical coding guidance purposes only. It does not (i) supersede or replace the AMA's Current Procedural Terminology® manual ("CPT Manual") or other coding authority, (ii) constitute clinical advice, (iii) address or dictate payer coverage or reimbursement policy, and (iv) substitute for the professional judgement of the practitioner performing a procedure, who remains responsible for correct coding.

## **Scenario 1:** Patient comes to office for E/M visit, is tested for COVID-19 during the visit, test conducted at laboratory not in physician's office















Action	In-office E/M visit	Patient swab sample collected	COVID-19 test performed		
Who is performing	Physician/QHP	Clinical staff (eg, RN/LPN/MA)	Laboratory		
Applicable CPT Codes	99201-99205 (New Patient) 99212-99215 (Established Patient)	Swab collection included in E/M 99000, Handling and/or conveyance of specimen for transfer from office to a laboratory, if applicable	87635 Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), amplified probe technique		
COVID-19 focused ICD-10 CM codes	Asymptomatic, no known exposure, results unknown or negative Z11.59  Possible exposure to COVID-19, ruled out Z03.818  Contact with COVID-19, Suspected exposure Z20.828				
Place of Service (POS)	<ul><li>11 Physician Office</li><li>19 Off Campus Outpatient Hospital</li><li>20 Urgent Care Facility</li><li>22 On Campus Outpatient Hospital</li></ul>	N/A	11 Physician office 19 Off Campus Outpatient Hospital 22 On Campus Outpatient Hospital 81 Independent Laboratory		

### **Scenario 1a:** Patient comes to office for E/M visit, is tested for COVID-19 in office during the visit, test conducted in office











Action	In-office E/M visit	Patient swab sample collected	COVID-19 test performed in office1
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Who is performing	Physician/QHP	Clinical staff (eg, RN/LPN/MA)	Physician Office
Applicable CPT Codes	99201-99205 (New Patient) 99212-99215 (Established Patient)	Included in E/M	87635 Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), amplified probe technique
COVID-19 focused ICD-10 CM codes	Asymptomatic, no known exposure, result Possible exposure to COVID-19, ruled out Contact with COVID-19, Suspected exposu U07.1, COVID-19 (Effective April 1, 2020 -		
Place of Service (POS)	11 Physician Office 19 Off Campus Outpatient Hospital 20 Urgent Care Facility 22 On Campus Outpatient Hospital	N/A	N/A – reported on same claim
Notes	1 Contact third-party payor for applicable reimbursemen	nt policies concerning in-office laboratory testing.	

### **Scenario 2:** Patient comes to office for E/M visit re: COVID-19 and is directed to an external testing site (not affiliated with physician)

















Action	In-office E/M visit	Patient swab sample collected	COVID-19 test performed
Who is performing	Physician/QHP	Testing Site	Laboratory
Applicable CPT Codes	99201-99205 (New Patient) 99212-99215 (Established Patient)	99001 Handling and/or conveyance of specimen for transfer from the patient in other than an office to a laboratory (distance may be indicated)	87635 Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), amplified probe technique
COVID-19 focused ICD-10 CM codes	Asymptomatic, no known exposure, results unk Possible exposure to COVID-19, ruled out Z03.8 Contact with COVID-19, Suspected exposure Z2		
Place of Service (POS)	<ul><li>11 Physician Office</li><li>19 Off Campus Outpatient Hospital</li><li>20 Urgent Care Facility</li><li>22 On Campus Outpatient Hospital</li></ul>	15 Mobile Unit 17 Walk-in Retail Health Clinic 20 Urgent Care Facility 23 Emergency Room Hospital	11 Physician office 19 Off Campus Outpatient Hospital 22 On Campus Outpatient Hospital 81 Independent Laboratory
Notes	**COVID-19 test orders given to patient**	**Patient presents physician/QHP test orders to testing personnel**	

### **Scenario 3:** Patient received telehealth visit re: COVID-19, and is directed to go to their physician's office or physician's group practice site for testing

Action	Patient evalua	ated for COVID-19 testi	ng need: E/M Telehealth	<sup>12</sup> OR Telephone visit	Pt goes to site	Throat swabs taken at site	Swab to lab	COVID-19 test performed		
Who is performing			Physician / QHP			Clinical Staff (eg, RN/LPN/MA)		Laboratory team		
Applicable CPT Code(s)		E/M Telehealth	123	Telephone Visit New and Established Patients	Patient directed to proceed to office	99211 (separate day) 99000		87635 Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid		
		New Patient			for COVID-19 testing	(if code requirements are met)		(DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)		
		CPT Typical Time	CMS Typical Time <sup>4</sup>	99441 (5-10 min) Payer guidelines may vary  99442 (11-20 min) Payer guidelines may vary			(Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), amplified probe technique			
	99201 99202 99203 99204 99205	10 min 20 min 30 min 45 min 60 min	17 min 22 min 29 min 45 min 67 min		Payer guidelines may vary 99442 (11-20 min)	Payer guidelines may vary 99442 (11-20 min)	Payer guidelines may vary 99442 (11-20 min)			
		Established Pati	Established Patient							
		CPT Typical Time	CMS Typical Time <sup>4</sup>	99443 (21-30 min) Payer guidelines may vary						
	99212 99213 99214 99215	10 min 15 min 25 min 40 min	min 16 min 23 min 40 min 40 min							
COVID-19 focused ICD-10 CM codes	Asymptomatic, no known exposure, results unknown or negative Z11.59 Possible exposure to COVID-19, ruled out Z03.818 Contact with COVID-19, Suspected exposure Z20.828									
Place of Service (POS)	11 Physician Office 19 Off Campus Outpatient Hospital 20 Urgent Care Facility 22 On Campus Outpatient Hospital					11 Physician Office		11 Physician office 19 Off Campus Outpatient Hospital 22 On Campus Outpatient Hospital 81 Independent Laboratory		
Notes	1 CMS requires use of modifier 95 for telehealth services; other payors may require its use 2 Individual states (through Executive Order) or payors may permit use of E/M codes with audio-only encounters. 3 CMS will permit reporting of telehealth E/M office or other outpatient visits based on time or Medical Decision Making (MDM) 4 CMS will allow telehealth office visits to be selected and documented based on total time on date of visit via CMS total time Office for Civil Rights at HHS provides flexibility on audio/visual tools Medicare will pay telehealth at in-person rates and not conduct audits to ensure prior relationship with patient									

#### **Updated April 3, 2020**

**Scenario 4:** Patient received telehealth visit re: COVID-19, and is directed to unaffiliated testing site (not affiliated with physician/health care facility or laboratory)

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Action	Patient Evalu	Patient Evaluated for COVID-19 testing need: E/M Telehealth <sup>12</sup> OR Telephone visit				Throat swabs taken at remote testing site, delivered to lab	Coronavirus test performed
Who is performing		Physician / QHP				Testing Site	Laboratory team
Applicable CPT Code(s)		E/M Telehealt	th <sup>123</sup>	Telephone Visit New and Established Patients		99001 Handling and/or conveyance of	87635 Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid
		New Patie	nt			specimen for transfer from the patient in other than an office to a laboratory	(DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)
		CPT Typical Time			(distance may be indicated)	(Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), amplified	
	99201 99202 99203 99204 99205	10 min 20 min 30 min 45 min 60 min	17 min 22 min 29 min 45 min 67 min	99441 (5-10 min) Payer guidelines may vary  99442 (11-20 min) Payer guidelines may vary			probe technique
	Established Patient		99443 (21-30 min)				
		CPT Typical Time	CMS Typical Time <sup>4</sup>	Payer guidelines may vary			
	99212 99213 99214 99215	10 min 15 min 25 min 40 min	16 min 23 min 40 min 55 min				
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Place of Service	11 Physician Office 19 Off Campus Outpatient Hospital 20 Urgent Care Facility 22 On Campus Outpatient Hospital				15 Mobile Unit 17 Walk-in Retail Health Clinic 20 Urgent Care Facility 23 Emergency Room Hospital	11 Physician office 19 Off Campus Outpatient Hospital 22 On Campus Outpatient Hospital 81 Independent Laboratory	
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	**COVID-19 te	est orders given to patient*	**				

**Scenario 5:** Patient receives virtual check-in/online visit re: COVID-19 (not related to E/M visit), and is directed to come to their physician office for testing



Action	Patient evaluated for COVID-19 testing need: Online digital E/M	Pt goes to office	Throat swab taken in office	Swab sent to lab	COVID-19 test performed
Who is performing	Physician / QHP		Clinical Staff (eg, RN/LPN/MA)		Laboratory team
Applicable CPT Code(s)	New or Established Patient  99421 (5-10 min) 99422 (11-20 min) 99423 (21 or more min) Payer guidelines may vary  G2010 Remote Image G2012 Virtual Check-In	Patient directed to proceed to office for COVID-19 testing	99211 (separate day) 99000 (if code requirements are met)		87635 Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), amplified probe technique
COVID-19 focused ICD-10 CM codes	Asymptomatic, no known exposure, Possible exposure to COVID-19, rule Contact with COVID-19, Suspected e	or negative Z11.59			
Place of Service (POS)	11 Physician Office or other applicable site of the practitioner's normal office location		11 Physician Office		11 Physician office 19 Off Campus Outpatient Hospital 22 On Campus Outpatient Hospital 81 Independent Laboratory
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**Scenario 6:** Patient receives virtual check-in/online visit re: COVID-19 and is directed to unaffiliated testing site (not affiliated with physician/health care facility or laboratory)















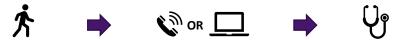


Action	Patient evaluated for COVID-19 testing need: Online digital E/M	Pt goes to testing site	Throat swab taken at testing site, delivered to lab	COVID-19 test performed
Who is performing	Physician / QHP		Testing Site	Laboratory team
Applicable CPT Code(s)	New or Established Patient 99421 (5-10 min) 99422 (11-20 min) 99423 (21 or more min) Payer guidelines may vary G2010 Remote Image G2012 Virtual Check-In		99001 Handling and/or conveyance of specimen for transfer from the patient in other than an office to a laboratory (distance may be indicated)	87635 Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (Coronavirus disease [COVID-19]), amplified probe technique
COVID-19 focused ICD- 10 CM codes	Asymptomatic, no known exposure, rest Possible exposure to COVID-19, ruled ou Contact with COVID-19, Suspected expo	ut Z03.818	ative Z11.59	
Place of Service	11 Physician Office or other applicable site of the practitioner's normal office location		<ul><li>15 Mobile Unit</li><li>17 Walk-in Retail Health Clinic</li><li>20 Urgent Care Facility</li><li>23 Emergency Room Hospital</li></ul>	11 Physician office 19 Off Campus Outpatient Hospital 22 On Campus Outpatient Hospital 81 Independent Laboratory
Notes	**COVID-19 test orders given to patient**		**Patient presents physician/QHP test orders to testing personnel**	

### Scenario 7: Physician orders remote physiologic monitoring following patient quarantined at home after receiving COVID-19 diagnosis

Action	Patient receives initial set-up of monitoring device and education on its use		Remote physiologic monitoring treatment management services (First 20 minutes)	Remote physiologic monitoring treatment management services (Each additional 20 minutes)		Collection and interpretation of physiologic data digitally stored and/or transmitted by the patient to physician/QHP (Minimum of 30 minutes)
Who is performing	Physician/QHP/Clinical Staff		Physician/QHP	Physician/QHP		Physician/QHP
Applicable CPT Code(s)	99453 Remote monitoring of physiologic parameter(s) (eg, weight, blood pressure, pulse oximetry, respiratory flow rate), initial; set-up and patient education on use of equipment	+	99457 Remote physiologic monitoring treatment management services, clinical staff/physician/other qualified health care professional time in a calendar month requiring interactive communication with the patient/caregiver during the month; first 20 minutes	99458 Remote physiologic monitoring treatment management services, clinical staff/physician/ other qualified health care professional time in a calendar month requiring interactive communication with the patient/caregiver during the month; each additional 20 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	OR	99091 Collection and interpretation of physiologic data (eg, ECG, blood pressure, glucose monitoring) digitally stored and/or transmitted by the patient and/or caregiver to the physician or other qualified health care professional, qualified by education, training, licensure/ regulation (when applicable) requiring a minimum of 30 minutes of time, each 30 days
Place of Service	11 Physician Office or other applicable site of the practitioner's normal office location		11 Physician Office or other applicable site of the practitioner's normal office location	11 Physician Office or other applicable site of the practitioner's normal office location		11 Physician Office or other applicable site of the practitioner's normal office location
Notes	(Do not report 99453 for monitoring of less than 16 days)		(Report once per calendar month, regardless of number of parameters monitored)	(Use 99458 in conjunction with 99457)		Report once per 30 days  (Do not report in conjunction with 99457 or 99458)

Scenario 8 – (COVID-19 or Non-COVID-19 case): Patient receives virtual check-in OR on-line visits via patient portal/e-mail (not related to E/M visit) OR telephone call from qualified nonphysician (those who may not report E/M)



Action	Communication method	Patient evaluated			
Who is performing		Physician / QHP	Qualified nonphysician (may not report E/M)		
Applicable CPT Code(s)	Virtual Check-Ins Telephone	G2010 Remote Image G2012 Virtual Check-In	98966 (5-10 min) 98967 (11-20 min) 98968 (21-30 min)		
	Online Visits (eg EHR portal, secure email; allowed digital communication)	99421 (5-10 min) 99422 (11-20 min) 99423 (21 or more min)	98970/G2061 (5-10 min) 98971/G2062 (11-20 min) 98972/G2063 (21 or more min)		
Applicable ICD-10 CM codes		Non-COVID-19 patient: Code applicable diagnoses COVID-19 patient: Code applicable diagnoses, add U07.1, COVID-19 (Effective April 1, 2020 - CDC Announcement)			
Place of Service		11 Physician Office or other applicable site of the practitioner's normal office location			

A virtual check-in pays professionals for brief (5-10 min) communications that mitigate the need for an in-person visit, whereas a visit furnished via Medicare telehealth is treated the same as an in-person visit

### Scenario 9: (COVID-19 or Non-COVID-19 case): Telehealth 7

Telephone visit











Action	Patient evaluated v	Patient evaluated via: E/M Telehealth, Telephone Visit					
Who is performing		Physician / QHP					
Applicable CPT Code(s)		E/M Telehealth <sup>12</sup>		Telephone Visit New and Established Patients			
		New Patient					
		CPT Typical Time	CMS Typical Time <sup>4</sup>				
	99201 99202 99203 99204 99205	10 min 20 min 30 min 45 min 60 min	17 min 22 min 29 min 45 min 67 min	99441 (5-10 min) 99442 (11-20 min)			
		Established Patient	99443 (21-30 min)				
		CPT Typical Time	CMS Typical Time <sup>4</sup>				
	99212 99213 99214 99215	10 min 15 min 25 min 40 min	16 min 23 min 40 min 55 min				
Applicable ICD-10 CM codes	Non-COVID-19 patient: Code applicable diagnoses COVID-19 patient: Code applicable diagnoses, add U07.1, COVID-19 (Effective April 1, 2020 - CDC Announcement)						
Place of Service	11 Physician Office or other applicable site of the practitioner's normal office location						
Notes	CMS requires use of modifier 95 for telehealth services; other payors may require its use Individual states (through Executive Order) or payors may permit use of E/M codes with audio-only encounters.  CMS will permit reporting of telehealth E/M office or other outpatient visits based on time or Medical Decision Making (MDM)  CMS will allow telehealth office visits to be selected and documented based on total time on date of visit via CMS total time						

### Scenario 10: (COVID-19 or Non-COVID-19 case): Telehealth visit:

**Emergency Department** 







**Emergency** 



Action	Patient evaluated via: E/M Telehealth 12
Who is performing	Physician / QHP
	New or Established Patient
	99281 (self limited or minor) 99282 (low to moderate severity) 99283 (moderate severity) 99284 (high severity, <u>no</u> immediate significant threat to life or physiologic function) 99285 (high severity, immediate significant threat to life or physiologic function)
Applicable ICD- 10 CM codes	Non-COVID-19 patient: Code applicable diagnoses COVID-19 patient: Code applicable diagnoses, add U07.1, COVID-19 (Effective April 1, 2020 - CDC Announcement)
Place of Service	23 Emergency Room - Hospital
Notes	1 CMS requires use of modifier 95 for telehealth services; other payors may require its use 2 Individual states (through Executive Order) or payors may permit use of E/M codes with audio-only encounters.

### Scenario 11: (COVID-19 or Non-COVID-19 case): Telehealth visit:

#### **Observation Care**





Action	Patient evaluated via: E/M Telehealth 12		
Who is performing	Physician / QHP		
Applicable CPT Code(s)	Initial Observation Care <sup>12</sup>	Subsequent Observation Care <sup>12</sup>	
	99218 (typical time 30 min) 99219 (typical time 50 min) 99220 (typical time 70 min)	99224 (typical time 15 min) 99225 (typical time 25 min) 99226 (typical time 35 min)	
	Observation Care Discharge <sup>12</sup>	Observation or Inpatient Hospital Care (admit and discharge same day) <sup>12</sup>	
	99217	99234 (typical time 40 min) 99235 (typical time 50 min) 99236 (typical time 55 min)	
Applicable ICD-10 CM codes	Non-COVID-19 patient: Code applicable diagnoses COVID-19 patient: Code applicable diagnoses, add U07.1, COVID-19 (Effective April 1, 2020 - CDC Announcement)		
Place of Service	19 Off Campus – Outpatient Hospital 22 On Campus – Outpatient Hospital		
Notes	1 CMS requires use of modifier 95 for telehealth services; other payors may require its use 2 Individual states (through Executive Order) or payors may permit use of E/M codes with audio-only encounters.		

## Scenario 12: (COVID-19 or Non-COVID-19 case) Telehealth: Initial and Subsequent Hospital Care, Discharge Day Management









Action	Patient evaluated via: E/M Telehealth 12		
Who is performing	Physician / QHP		
Applicable CPT	Initial Hospital Care <sup>12</sup>	Subsequent Hospital Care <sup>12</sup>	Hospital Discharge Services <sup>12</sup>
Code(s)	99221 (typical time 30 min) 99222 (typical time 50 min) 99223 (typical time 70 min)	99231 (typical time 15 min) 99232 (typical time 25 min) 99233 (typical time 35 min)	99238 (30 min or less) 99239 (more than 30 min)
Applicable ICD-10 CM codes	Non-COVID-19 patient: Code applicable diagnoses COVID-19 patient: Code applicable diagnoses, add U07.1, COVID-19 (Effective April 1, 2020 _ CDC Announcement)		
Place of Service	21 Inpatient Hospital		
Notes	1 CMS requires use of modifier 95 for telehealth services; other payors may require its use 2 Individual states (through Executive Order) or payors may permit use of E/M codes with audio-only encounters.		

### Scenario 13: (COVID-19 or Non-COVID-19 case) Telehealth:

**Critical Care** 





Action	Patient evaluated via: E/M Telehealth 12	
Who is performing	Physician / QHP	
Applicable CPT Code(s)	Critical Care Services 12	
	<ul> <li>99291 Critical care, evaluation and management of the critically ill or critically injured patient; first 30-74 minutes</li> <li>+ 99292 Critical care, evaluation and management of the critically ill or critically injured patient; each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary service) (Use 99292 in conjunction with 99291)</li> </ul>	
Applicable ICD-10 CM codes	Non-COVID-19 patient: Code applicable diagnoses COVID-19 patient: Code applicable diagnoses, add U07.1, COVID-19 (Effective April 1, 2020 <u>—</u> CDC Announcement)	
Place of Service	Report applicable site of care	
Notes	1 CMS requires use of modifier 95 for telehealth services; other payors may require its use 2 Individual states (through Executive Order) or payors may permit use of E/M codes with audio-only encounters.	

### Scenario 14: (COVID-19 or Non-COVID-19 case) Telehealth:

#### Inpatient Neonatal and Pediatric Critical Care

Action	Patient evaluated via: E/M Telehealth 12		
Who is performing	Physician / QHP		
Applicable CPT	E/M Telehealth <sup>12</sup>		
Code(s)	28 Days of age or younger	29 Days – 24 months of age	2 through 5 years of age
	99468 Initial inpatient neonatal critical care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a critically ill neonate, 28 days of age or younger  99469 Subsequent inpatient neonatal critical care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a critically ill neonate, 28 days of age or younger	99471 Initial inpatient pediatric critical care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a critically ill infant or young child, 29 days through 24 months of age  99472 Subsequent inpatient pediatric critical care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a critically ill infant or young child, 29 days through 24 months of age	<ul> <li>99475 Initial inpatient pediatric critical care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a critically ill infant or young child, 2 through 5 years of age</li> <li>99476 Subsequent inpatient pediatric critical care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a critically ill infant or young child, 2 through 5 years of age</li> </ul>
Applicable ICD-10 CM codes	Non-COVID-19 patient: Code applicable diagnoses COVID-19 patient: Code applicable diagnoses, add U07.1, COVID-19 (Effective April 1, 2020 - CDC Announcement)		
Place of Service	21 Inpatient Hospital		
Notes	1 CMS requires use of modifier 95 for telehealth services; other payors may require its use 2 Individual states (through Executive Order) or payors may permit use of E/M codes with audio-only encounters.		

### Scenario 15: (COVID-19 or Non-COVID-19 case) Telehealth:

#### Initial and Continuing Intensive Care Services







Action	Patient evaluated via: E/M Telehealth 12			
Who is performing	Physician / QHP			
Applicable CPT	E/M Telehealth 12			
Code(s)	Initial hospital	Subsequent intensive care		
	care neonate (28 days or younger)	Recovering very low birth weight infant (present body weight less than 1500 grams)	Recovering low birth weight infant (present body weight 1500- 2000 grams)	Recovering infant (present body weight 2501- 5000 grams)
	99477	99478	99479	99480
Applicable ICD-10 CM codes	Non-COVID-19 patient: Code applicable diagnoses COVID-19 patient: Code applicable diagnoses, add U07.1, COVID-19 (Effective April 1, 2020 - CDC Announcement)			
Place of Service	21 Inpatient Hospital			
Notes	1 CMS requires use of modifier 95 for telehealth services; other payors may require its use 2 Individual states (through Executive Order) or payors may permit use of E/M codes with audio-only encounters.			

### Scenario 16: (COVID-19 or Non-COVID-19 case) Telehealth:

Home Visits



Action	Patient evaluated via: E/M Telehealth 12		
Who is performing	Physician / QHP		
Applicable CPT Code(s)	E/M Telehealth <sup>12</sup>		
	New Patient	Established Patient	
	99341 (typical time 20 min) 99342 (typical time 30 min) 99343 (typical time 45 min) 99344 (typical time 60 min) 99345 (typical time 75 min)	99347 (typical time 15 min) 99348 (typical time 25 min) 99349 (typical time 40 min) 99350 (typical time 60 min)	
Applicable ICD-10 CM codes	Non-COVID-19 patient: Code applicable diagnoses COVID-19 patient: Code applicable diagnoses, add U07.1, COVID-19 (Effective April 1, 2020 - CDC Announcement)		
Place of Service	12 Home		
Notes	1 CMS requires use of modifier 95 for telehealth services; other payors may require its use 2 Individual states (through Executive Order) or payors may permit use of E/M codes with audio-only encounters.		

### Scenario 17: (COVID-19 or Non-COVID-19 case) Telehealth: Initial and Subsequent Nursing Facility Visits, Discharge Day Management





Action	Patient evaluated via: E/M Telehealth 12		
Who is performing	Physician / QHP		
Applicable CPT Code(s)	Initial Nursing Facility Care <sup>12</sup>	Subsequent Nursing Facility Care <sup>12</sup>	Nursing Facility Discharge Services 12
	99304 (typical time 25 min) 99305 (typical time 35 min) 99306 (typical time 45 min)	99307 (typical time 10 min) 99308 (typical time 15 min) 99309 (typical time 25 min) 99310 (typical time 35 min)	99315 (30 min or less) 99316 (more than 30 min)
Applicable ICD-10 CM codes	Non-COVID-19 patient: Code applicable diagnoses COVID-19 patient: Code applicable diagnoses, add U07.1, COVID-19 (Effective April 1, 2020 - CDC Announcement)		
Place of Service	31 Skilled Nursing Facility 32 Nursing Facility		
Notes	1 CMS requires use of modifier 95 for telehealth services; other payors may require its use 2 Individual states (through Executive Order) or payors may permit use of E/M codes with audio-only encounters.		

#### Scenario 18: (COVID-19 or Non-COVID-19 case) Telehealth:

### Domiciliary, Rest Home or Custodial Care Services





Action	Patient evaluated via: E/M Telehealth <sup>12</sup>		
Who is performing	Physician / QHP		
	E/M Telehealth 12		
	New Patient	Established Patient	
	99327 (typical time 60 min) 99328 (typical time 75 min)	99334 (typical time 15 min) 99335 (typical time 25 min) 99336 (typical time 40 min) 99337 (typical time 60 min)	
Applicable ICD-10 CM codes	Non-COVID-19 patient: Code applicable diagnoses COVID-19 patient: Code applicable diagnoses, add U07.1, COVID-19 (Effective April 1, 2020 - CDC Announcement)		
Place of Service	13 Assisted Living Facility 14 Group Home 33 Custodial Care Facility 54 Intermediate Care Facility		
Notes	1 CMS requires use of modifier 95 for telehealth services; other payors may require its use 2 Individual states (through Executive Order) or payors may permit use of E/M codes with audio-only encounters.		



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