

COVID-19 Coding

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CPTs

Remote services CPTs

TELEPHONE:

CORRECTED - Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional

99441 Telephone E&M

Telephone evaluation and management service by a *physician or other qualified health care professional* who may report evaluation and management services provided to an established patient, parent, or guardian not originating from a related E/M service provided within the previous 7 days nor leading to an E/M service or procedure within the next 24 hours or soonest available appointment 5-10 minutes of medical discussion

99442 11-20 minutes of medical discussion

99443 21-30 minutes of medical discussion

G2012 Brief communication technology-based service, e.g. virtual check-in, by a physician or other qualified health care professional who can report evaluation and management services, provided to an established patient, not originating from a related e/m service provided within the previous 7 days nor leading to an e/m service or procedure within the next 24 hours or soonest available appointment; 5-10 minutes of medical discussion

CORRECTED - Qualified Nonphysician Health Care Professional

98966

Telephone assessment and management service provided by a *qualified nonphysician health care professional* to an established patient, parent, or guardian not originating from a related assessment and management service provided within the previous 7 days nor leading to an assessment and management service or procedure within the next 24 hours or soonest available appointment 5-10 minutes of medical discussion

98967 11-20 of medical discussion

98968 21-30 of medical discussion

*Please contact your carriers for their definition of these terms; AMA does NOT recognize clinical staff.

PORTAL / EMAIL:

CORRECTED - Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional

99421

Online digital evaluation and management service, for an established patient, for up to 7 days, cumulative time during the 7 days 5-10 minutes

99422 11-20 minutes

99423 21 or more minutes

**CORRECTED - Qualified Nonphysician Health Care Professional*

98970 Qualified *nonphysician* health care professional online digital evaluation and management service, for an established patient, for up to 7 days, cumulative time during the 7 days 5-10 minutes

98971 11-20 minutes

98972 21 or more minutes

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Realtime Audio/Video Visits

E&M's **99201-99205, 99212-99215** may be billed with a modifier to report that they were completed via interactive audio/video using

-GT Via interactive audio and video telecommunication services

OR

-95 Synchronous Telemedicine Service Rendered Via a Real- Time Interactive Audio and Video Telecommunications System

Place of Service 02 - Telehealth

The location where health services and health related services are provided or received, through a telecommunication system

Modifier

-CR Catastrophe / Disaster related

PPEs

99070 Supplies and materials (except spectacles), provided by the physician or other qualified health care professional over and above those usually included with the office visit or other services rendered"

COVID Risk Counseling (*NOT in Appendix P*)

As COVID risk is NOT of the type one would expect to address at a typical well visit, this code might be paid now even when billed with well visits

99401 Preventive medicine counseling and/or risk factor reduction intervention(s) provided to an individual (separate procedure) approximately 15 minutes

99402 approximately 30 minutes

99403 approximately 45 minutes

99404 approximately 60 minutes

Appendix P - CPTs typically performed face-to-face, but may be rendered via synchronous interactive audio and video

- Risk counseling codes 99401-99403 are NOT among these, but some states are mandating coverage for them even when rendered virtually or by telephone during the COVID-19 pandemic

COVID-19 Lab Code Released by AMA 3/13/20

99000 Handling and/or conveyance of specimen for transfer from the office to a laboratory

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

Add-on CPTs

99056 Service(s) typically provided in the office, provided out of the office at request of patient, in addition to basic service

99058 Service(s) provided *on an emergency basis in the office, which disrupts other scheduled office services*, in addition to basic service

99060 Service(s) provided on an emergency basis, *out of the office, which disrupts other scheduled office services*, in addition to basic service

ICD Guidance from CDC

3/19/20

For services on and after *April 1, 2020* use new diagnosis code

U07.1 COVID-19

adding any 'Use Additional' manifestation codes (see below)

Please find below a summary of CDC's Coding Guidelines (Eff: February 20, 2020) for service dates ***March 31, 2020 and earlier***

Pneumonia

Confirmed as due to COVID-19

J12.89 Other viral pneumonia

and

B97.29 Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere

Bronchitis

Acute Confirmed as due to COVID-19

J20.8 Acute bronchitis due to other specified organisms

and

B97.29 Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere

Bronchitis not otherwise specified (NOS) due to the COVID-19

J40 Bronchitis, not specified as acute or chronic

and

B97.29 Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere

Lower Respiratory Infection

COVID-19 documented as being associated with a lower respiratory infection, not otherwise specified (NOS), **or** Acute respiratory infection, NOS,

J22, Unspecified acute lower respiratory infection

and

B97.29, Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere

Respiratory infection, NOS

COVID-19 documented as being associated with a respiratory infection, NOS,

J98.8, Other specified respiratory disorders

and

B97.29, Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere

ARDS

Acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) with the COVID-19

J80, Acute respiratory distress syndrome

and

B97.29, Other coronavirus as the cause of diseases classified elsewhere.

Exposure to COVID-19

Possible exposure to COVID-19 that is ruled out after evaluation

Z03.818, Encounter for observation for suspected exposure to other biological agents ruled out

Actual exposure to someone who is confirmed to have COVID-19

Z20.828, Contact with and (suspected) exposure to other viral communicable diseases.

Signs and symptoms

Where a definitive diagnosis has **not** been established

R05 Cough

R06.02 Shortness of breath

R50.9 Fever, unspecified

NOTE: Diagnosis code B34.2, Coronavirus infection, unspecified, would generally **not be appropriate** for COVID-19, because the cases have universally been respiratory in nature, so the site would not be “unspecified.” If the provider documents “suspected”, “possible” or “probable” COVID-19, **do not** assign code B97.29. Assign a code(s) explaining the reason for encounter (such as fever, or Z20.828).

End CDC content

For consideration

Z60.9 Problem related to social environment, unspecified

Z63.79 Other stressful life events affecting family and household

Z91.89 Other specified personal risk factors, not elsewhere classified