



# Telehealth Services Regulations and Reimbursement Guide

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# CMS and Maryland Medicaid Regulations

## Originating Sites

An originating site is the location where a beneficiary gets physician or practitioner medical services through a telecommunication system. The beneficiary must have an established relationship with the provider. An originating site must meet the following qualifications:

### Medicare:<sup>1</sup>

1. Must be located in a rural Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) in a rural census tract OR located in a county outside a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)
2. The site must be one of following:
  - a. Physician and practitioner offices
  - b. Hospital
  - c. Critical Access Hospital (CAH)
  - d. Rural Health Clinic
  - e. Federally qualified Health Center
  - f. Hospital-based or CAH based Renal Dialysis Center (including satellites)
  - g. Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF)
  - h. Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs)
  - i. Renal Dialysis Facilities
  - j. Homes of beneficiaries with End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) getting home dialysis
  - k. Mobile Stroke Units

### Medicaid:<sup>2</sup>

1. The site must be one of the following:
  - a. College or university student health or counseling office
  - b. Community-based substance use disorder provider
  - c. Deaf or hard of hearing participant's home or any other secure location as approved by the participant and the provider
  - d. An elementary, middle, high, or technical school with a supported nursing, counseling or medical office
  - e. Local health department
  - f. Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
  - g. Hospital, including the emergency department
  - h. Nursing facility
  - i. Private office (physician, physician assistant, psychiatric nurse practitioner, nurse practitioner, or nurse midwife)
  - j. Opioid treatment program
  - k. Outpatient mental health center (OMHC)

- l. Renal dialysis center
- m. Residential crisis services site

## **Distant Sites**

The distant site refers to the location of the eligible healthcare provider. The provider must be licensed in the state in which the patient is located (the originating site). Eligible providers include:

### Medicare:<sup>1</sup>

1. Physicians
2. Nurse Practitioner (NP)
3. Physician Assistant (PA)
4. Nurse-midwives
5. Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS)
6. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists
7. Clinical Psychologists (CP) and Clinical Social Workers (CSW)
  - a. CP's and CSW's cannot bill Medicare for psychiatric diagnostic interview examinations with medical services or medical evaluation and management services. They cannot bill or get paid for CPT codes 90792, 90833, 90836, and 90838.
8. Registered Dietitians or Nutrition Professional

### Medicaid:<sup>2</sup>

1. Physicians
2. Nurse Practitioner
3. Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner
4. Physician Assistant
5. Nurse-midwives
6. Provider fluent in American Sign Language providing telehealth services to a deaf or hard of hearing participant
7. Community-based substance use disorder provider
8. Opioid treatment program
9. Outpatient mental health center
10. Federally Qualified Health Center

\*All providers that participate in the Maryland Medicaid Telehealth Program are required to enroll in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.<sup>3</sup>

## Documentation Requirements

CMS allows for reimbursement for telemedicine at the same rates as face-to-face encounters so long as the telemedicine encounter meets the same documentation standards. Below is a list of recommendations for documenting telemedicine encounters for accurate reimbursement payments:<sup>18</sup>

1. Providers must document all encounters/services within the medical record and provide that documentation to the originating site when applicable. Providers should document:
  - a. That the visit occurred via telemedicine
  - b. The physical location of the patient
  - c. The physical location of the provider
  - d. The names of all persons participating in the telemedicine service and their role in the encounter.
2. In the virtual environment, Level 3 and 4 reimbursements must be based on time rather than physical examinations
  - a. Providers should document the length of time of the consultation visit and should note that more than 50 percent of the encounter was spent counseling/coordinating care
    - Documentation should include: differential diagnosis, active diagnosis, prognosis, risks, benefits of treatment, instruction, compliance, risk reduction, and coordination of care with other providers
3. Telemedicine provider assessments should:
  - a. Include 4+ history of present illnesses (HPI)
  - b. Include 10+ complete review of systems (ROS)
  - c. Include all 3 past, family, and social history (PFSH)
4. Documentation on telemedicine orders should include:
  - a. Review/Order of clinical lab tests
  - b. Review/Order of radiographs
  - c. Review/Order of medical tests (PFTs, ECK, Echo, Cath)
  - d. Review/Summary of old records
5. Documentation should include a statement of risk (most patients will meet a “moderate risk”)

## Reimbursement

### Medicare

In order to bill Medicare for telehealth services, you must use an interactive audio and video telecommunications system that permits real-time communication between you at the distant site, and the beneficiary at the originating site.<sup>1</sup>

#### Codes:<sup>1</sup>

The list of codes for Medicare Telehealth Services CY 2020 are located in Addendum A of this document.

#### Modifiers/Place of Service:<sup>1</sup>

Submit telehealth service claims using Place of Service (POS) 02-Telehealth to indicate the billed service was performed as a telehealth service from a distant site.

#### Facility Fee:<sup>1</sup>

Utilize HCPCS Code Q3014 to bill for Medicare telehealth originating facility fees.

### Medicaid

#### Codes:

Category I and Category III CPT Codes with the proper modifiers and POS will be considered for reimbursement.

#### Modifiers/Place of Service:<sup>2 3</sup>

Distant site providers must bill utilizing normal CPT codes and identify services rendered via telehealth by including the “GT” modifier.

Providers should use the place of service code that would be appropriate as if it were a nontelehealth claim. The distant site should use the location of the doctor. If a distant site provider is rendering services at an off-site office, use place of service office (11).

#### Facility Fee:<sup>4</sup>

Originating sites may bill facility fees using HCPCS Code Q3014. If the originating site is a Maryland based hospital, use telemedicine revenue code 0780.

## Commercial Payers

### Aetna

Effective January 1, 2020, Aetna policy will cover telemedicine services for members enrolled in all Aetna commercial plans. Aetna will reimburse for two-way, real-time audiovisual interactive communication between the patient and the health care practitioner. This interaction does not include direct patient contact but the patient must be present and take part throughout the interaction. Telemedicine healthcare practitioner reimbursement will be the same as if the service was rendered face-to-face. Cost shares will remain the same as they are for face-to-face visits.

#### Codes:<sup>5 8 10</sup>

Appropriate diagnostic, consultative, and treatment telemedicine services from Category I and Category III CPT will be considered for reimbursement.

#### Modifiers/Place of Service:<sup>5 8 10</sup>

The following modifiers are required in order to identify telehealth services. Use modifier “95” for telehealth codes included in Appendix P of CPT and modifier “GT” for all other eligible telehealth codes and Medicaid products.

- 95 - Synchronous Telemedicine Service Rendered Via a Real-Time Interactive Audio and Video Telecommunications system.
- GT - Via Interactive Audio and Video Telecommunications systems. Place of Service (POS) code 02 to be utilized to indicate telehealth services.

#### Facility Fee:<sup>5 8 10</sup>

Originating sites may bill facility fees using HCPCS Code Q3014 and the GT modifier.

## CareFirst BCBS of Maryland

"Telemedicine services," refers to the use of a combination of interactive audio, video, or other electronic media used by a licensed health care provider for the purpose of diagnosis, consultation, or treatment consistent with the provider's scope of practice. Use of audio-only telephone, electronic mail message (e-mail), online questionnaires or facsimile transmission (FAX) is not considered a telemedicine service. Services for diagnosis, consultation or treatment provided through telemedicine must meet all the requirements of a face-to-face consultation or contact between a health care provider and a patient for services appropriately provided through.

### Codes:<sup>5 7 10</sup>

Appropriate diagnostic, consultative, and treatment telemedicine services from Category I and Category III CPT will be considered for reimbursement.

### Modifiers/Places Service:<sup>5 7 10</sup>

The following modifiers are required in order to identify telehealth services. Use modifier "95" for telehealth codes included in Appendix P of CPT and modifier "GT" for all other eligible telehealth codes and Medicaid products.

- 95 - Synchronous Telemedicine Service Rendered Via a Real-Time Interactive Audio and Video Telecommunications system.
- GT - Via Interactive Audio and Video Telecommunications systems. Place of Service (POS) code 02 to be utilized to indicate telehealth services.

### Facility Fee:<sup>5 7 10</sup>

CareFirst does not reimburse for originating site facility fees.



## United Healthcare

This policy describes reimbursement for Telehealth and Telemedicine services, which occur when the Physician or Other Qualified Health Care Professional and the patient are not at the same site. Examples of such services are those that are delivered over the phone, via the Internet or using other communication devices.

### Codes:<sup>5 6 10</sup>

Codes recognized by CMS for telehealth services will be considered for reimbursement (utilize modifier GT). In addition, services recognized by the AMA included in Appendix P of CPT will also be considered for reimbursement (utilize modifier “95” for these codes specifically). United Healthcare also considers the following services, also to be appended by modifier “GT,” as able to be performed via telehealth services

- Medical genetics and genetic counseling (code 96040)
- Education and training for patient self-management by a qualified, non-physician health care professional using a standardized curriculum (codes 98960-98962)
- Alcohol and/or substance abuse screening and brief intervention services (codes 9940899409)
- Remote real-time interactive video-conferenced critical care evaluation and management of the critically ill or critically injured patient, use 99499

### Modifiers/Place of Service:<sup>5 6 10</sup>

The following modifiers are required in order to identify telehealth services. Please see United Healthcare Codes above for instances to use each modifier.

- 95 - Synchronous Telemedicine Service Rendered Via a Real-Time Interactive Audio and Video Telecommunications system
- GT - Via Interactive Audio and Video Telecommunications systems Place of Service (POS) code 02 to be utilized to indicate telehealth services.

### Facility Fee:<sup>5 6 10</sup>

Originating sites may bill facility fees using HCPCS Code Q3014 and the GT modifier.

## Cigna

Cigna does not directly contract for telehealth. Cigna telehealth vendors are listed below:<sup>10</sup>

### **MDLive:**

<https://welcome.mdlive.com/providers/become-a-provider/> or  
**(888)700-8312**

**American Well:** <https://www.americanwell.com/telehealth-medical-group/join-online-care-group/> or **(617)-204-3500**

*In an effort to remove barriers for Cigna's customers to access timely and safe care, while ensuring that providers can continue to deliver necessary services in necessary settings, Cigna will allow providers to bill a standard face-to-face visit for all virtual care services (not required to use outside vendors), including those not related to COVID-19. Please refer to Addendum C for temporary changes to Cigna's policy.*

## Addendum A: CMS Telehealth Codes CY 2020

LIST OF MEDICARE TELEHEALTH SERVICES CY 2020	
Code	Short Descriptor
90785	Psytx complex interactive
90791	Psych diagnostic evaluation
90792	Psych diag eval w/med srvc
90832	Psytx pt&/family 30 minutes
90833	Psytx pt&/fam w/e&m 30 min
90834	Psytx pt&/family 45 minutes
90836	Psytx pt&/fam w/e&m 45 min
90837	Psytx pt&/family 60 minutes
90838	Psytx pt&/fam w/e&m 60 min
90839	Psytx crisis initial 60 min
90840	Psytx crisis ea addl 30 min
90845	Psychoanalysis
90846	Family psytx w/o patient
90847	Family psytx w/patient
90951	Esrdserv 4 visits p mo <2yr
90952	Esrdserv 2-3 vsts p mo <2yr
90954	Esrdserv 4 vsts p mo 2-11
90955	Esrdsrv 2-3 vsts p mo 2-11
90957	Esrdsrv 4 vsts p mo 12-19
90958	Esrdsrv 2-3 vsts p mo 12-19
90960	Esrdsrv 4 visits p mo 20+
90961	Esrdsrv 2-3 vsts p mo 20+
90963	Esrdserv home pt serv p mo <2yrs
90964	Esrdserv home pt serv p mo 2-11
90965	Esrdserv home pt serv p mo 12-19
90966	Esrdserv home pt serv p mo 20+
90967	Esrdserv home pt serv p day <2
90968	Esrdserv home pt serv p day 2-11
90969	Esrdserv home pt serv p day 12-19
90970	Esrdserv home pt serv p day 20+
96116	Neurobehavioral status exam
96150	Assess hlth/behav init
96151	Assess hlth/behav subseq
96152	Intervene hlth/behav indiv
96153	Intervene hlth/behav group
96154	Interv hlth/behav fam w/pt
96160	Pt-focused hlth risk assmt
96161	Caregiver health risk assmt
97802	Medical nutrition indiv in
97803	Med nutrition indiv subseq
97804	Medical nutrition group
99201	Office/outpatient visit new
99202	Office/outpatient visit new
99203	Office/outpatient visit new
99204	Office/outpatient visit new
99205	Office/outpatient visit new
99211	Office/outpatient visit est
99212	Office/outpatient visit est
99213	Office/outpatient visit est
99214	Office/outpatient visit est
99215	Office/outpatient visit est

LIST OF MEDICARE TELEHEALTH SERVICES CY 2020	
Code	Short Descriptor
99231	Subsequent hospital care
99232	Subsequent hospital care
99233	Subsequent hospital care
99307	Nursing fac care subseq
99308	Nursing fac care subseq
99309	Nursing fac care subseq
99310	Nursing fac care subseq
99354	Prolonged service office
99355	Prolonged service office
99356	Prolonged service inpatient
99357	Prolonged service inpatient
99406	Behav chng smoking 3-10 min
99407	Behav chng smoking > 10 min
99495	Trans care mgmt 14 day disch
99496	Trans care mgmt 7 day disch
99497	Advncd care plan 30 min
99498	Advncd care plan addl 30 min
G0108	Diab manage trn per indiv
G0109	Diab manage trn ind/group
G0270	Mnt subs tx for change dx
G0296	Visit to determ ldct elig
G0396	Alcohol/subs interv 15-30mn
G0397	Alcohol/subs interv >30 min
G0406	Inpt/tele follow up 15
G0407	Inpt/tele follow up 25
G0408	Inpt/tele follow up 35
G0420	Ed svc ckd ind per session
G0421	Ed svc ckd grp per session
G0425	Inpt/ed teleconsult30
G0426	Inpt/ed teleconsult50
G0427	Inpt/ed teleconsult70
G0436	Tobacco-use counsel 3-10 min
G0437	Tobacco-use counsel>10min
G0438	Ppps, initial visit
G0439	Ppps, subseq visit
G0442	Annual alcohol screen 15 min
G0443	Brief alcohol misuse counsel
G0444	Depression screen annual
G0445	High inten beh couns std 30m
G0446	Intens behave ther cardio dx
G0447	Behavior counsel obesity 15m
G0459	Telehealth inpt pharm mgmt
G0506	Comp asses care plan ccm svc
G0508	Crit care telehea consult 60
G0509	Crit care telehea consult 50
G0513	Prolong prev svcs, first 30m
G0514	Prolong prev svcs, addl 30m
G2086	Off base opioid tx first m
G2087	Off base opioid tx, sub m
G2088	Off opioid tx month add 30

## Addendum B: Appendix P of CPT

<b>Appendix P of CPT</b>				
90791	90954	96040	99213	99254
90792	90955	96116	99214	99255
90832	90957	97802	99215	99307
90833	90958	97803	99231	99308
90834	90960	97804	99232	99309
90836	90961	98960	99233	99310
90837	92227	98961	99241	99354
90838	92228	98962	99242	99355
90845	93228	99201	99243	99406
90846	93229	99202	99244	99407
90847	93268	99203	99245	99408
90863	93270	99204	99251	99409
90951	93271	99205	99252	99495
90952	93272	99212	99253	99496

# Addendum C: Payer Telehealth Response to COVID-19

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## Medicare

### **2021 Expansion of Telehealth Services:**

CMS is in the process of finalizing their telehealth services policy. Until then CMS will continue to reimburse utilizing the 2020 Expansion policies this section. The following codes series' are being finalized on Category 1 Basis for CY2021:

- Group Psychotherapy (CPT code 90853)
- Psychological and Neuropsychological Testing (CPT code 96121)
- Domiciliary, Rest Home, or Custodial Care services, Established patients (CPT codes 99334-99335)
- Home Visits, Established Patient (CPT codes 99347-99348)
- Cognitive Assessment and Care Planning Services (CPT code 99483)
- Visit Complexity Inherent to Certain Office/Outpatient Evaluation and Management (E/M) (HCPCS code G2211)
- Prolonged Services (HCPCS code G2212)

CMS sought comment on services added on an interim basis to the Medicare telehealth list during the COVID-19 PHE that CMS did not propose to add to the Medicare telehealth list permanently or temporarily on a category 3 basis. Based on those comments we are finalizing the addition of a number of services to the Medicare telehealth list on a category 3 basis. CMS is finalizing the following list on a Category 3 basis:

- Domiciliary, Rest Home, or Custodial Care services, Established patients (CPT codes 99336-99337)
- Home Visits, Established Patient (CPT codes 99349-99350)
- Emergency Department Visits, Levels 1-5 (CPT codes 99281-99285)
- Nursing facilities discharge day management (CPT codes 99315-99316)
- Psychological and Neuropsychological Testing (CPT codes 96130-96133; CPT codes 96136-96139)
- Therapy Services, Physical and Occupational Therapy, All levels (CPT codes 97161-97168; CPT codes 97110, 97112, 97116, 97535, 97750, 97755, 97760, 97761, 92521-92524, 92507)
- Hospital discharge day management (CPT codes 99238-99239)
- Inpatient Neonatal and Pediatric Critical Care, Subsequent (CPT codes 99469, 99472, 99476)
- Continuing Neonatal Intensive Care Services (CPT codes 99478-99480)
- Critical Care Services (CPT codes 99291-99292)
- End-Stage Renal Disease Monthly Capitation Payment codes (CPT codes 90952, 90953, 90956, 90959, 90962)
- Subsequent Observation and Observation Discharge Day Management (CPT codes 99217; CPT codes 99224-99226)

CMS also clarified that licensed clinical social workers, clinical psychologists, physical therapists (PTs), occupational therapists (OTs), and speech-language pathologists (SLPs) can furnish the brief online assessment and management services as well as virtual check-ins and remote evaluation services. In order to facilitate billing by these practitioners for the remote evaluation of patient-submitted video or images and virtual check-ins (HCPCS codes G2010 and G2012), we are establishing two new HCPCS G codes. In addition, CMS is establishing payment on an interim final basis for a new HCPCS G-code describing 11-20 minutes of medical discussion to determine the necessity of an in-person visit.

For full details of telehealth expansion please visit the following link: <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/final-policy-payment-and-quality-provisions-changes-medicare-physician-fee-schedule-calendar-year-1>

## **2020 Covid-19 Temporary Expansion:**

*Expansion of Telehealth with 1135 Waiver:*<sup>15 18 21</sup> – *Retroactively applies to March 1, 2020*

### *Telehealth Requirements*

- Waive geographic restrictions, meaning patients can receive telehealth services in non-rural areas;
- Waive originating site restrictions, meaning patients can receive telehealth services in their home;
- Patients do not need to be established. HHS will not conduct audits to ensure that such a prior relationship existed.
- Allow use of telephones that have audio and video capabilities; ○ Audio-only telehealth list is expanded. CMS will allow a variety of therapy-related E/M codes to be billed as telehealth services with an audio-only connection, i.e. over the phone, without requiring real-time video. Please refer to the chart below this section for the full list of codes and detail.
- Medicare coinsurance and deductible would generally apply to these services. However, the HHS Office of Inspector General (OIG) is providing flexibility for healthcare providers to reduce or waive cost-sharing for telehealth visits paid by federal healthcare programs.
- HIPAA penalties waived. The HHS OCR will use its powers of discretionary enforcement to waive penalties for HIPAA violations against providers using non-secure communications platforms (including FaceTime and Skype) if they are serving patients “in good faith” during the nationwide health emergency posed by the coronavirus pandemic. If your organization uses a platform that is not secure, inform your patient prior to their telehealth visit.
- On an interim basis, CMS is amending their policies regarding “incident to” billing to allow for virtual supervision through audio/video real-time communications technology. This change was made in an effort to reduce exposure risks for the beneficiary and health care provider.
- Limitations on practitioner type are waived. For the duration of the COVID-19 PHE, CMS will waive restrictions on which provider type can bill for telehealth services. Now, other practitioners besides physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants can bill for telehealth. This includes physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speech language pathologists.

### *Telehealth Billing*<sup>15 18 21</sup>

- On an interim basis, CMS is amending Place of Service (POS) and Modifier requirements for telehealth. Retroactive to March 1, 2020, Medicare is instructing providers to utilize the **POS code of the setting where the service would normally be rendered if it were not performed via telehealth**. Additionally, all claims should include **Modifier 95 to indicate the visit was actually performed via telehealth**. This change will allow providers to bill **facility fees** for their services.
- Hospitals may bill as the originating site for telehealth, even when the patient is located at home. This will be allowed for telehealth services furnished by hospital-based practitioners to Medicare patients who are registered as hospital outpatients.
- CMS has expanded the list of covered telehealth services. Please refer to the chart below this section for the new list of authorized codes and their ability to be performed via audio-only technology
- Payments increased for audio-only services. CMS is bumping up the payment for these services from the current range of \$14-\$41 to a range of \$46-\$110, bringing them in line with payments for similar office/outpatient visits. This payment change will be retroactive back to March 1, 2020.
- On an interim basis, CMS has revised their policy to specify that the **office/outpatient E&M** level selection for these services when furnished via telehealth can be based on medical decision making (MDM) or time. These changes are similar to the policies finalized in the CY 2020 PFS Final

Rule. Time is defined as all the time associated with the E&M visit on the day of the encounter (both face-to-face and non-face-to-face). CMS has maintained the current definition of MDM. The policy removes requirements regarding documentation of history and the physical exam in the medical record. CMS expects the practitioners to continue to document necessary information during visits to ensure quality and continuity of care. Below we have provided a grid outlining the general times the office/outpatient E&M visits (Source: CY 2020 PFS Final Rule). Please note these policies only apply to office/outpatient E&M visits furnished via telehealth during the PHE Covid-19 pandemic.

Code	Time (min)	Code	Time (min)
99211	< 10	99201	10
99212	10	99202	20
99213	15	99203	30
99214	25	99204	45
99215	40	99205	60

- To better serve the patient population that would otherwise not have access to clinically appropriate in-person treatment, the following services no longer have limitations on the number of times they can be provided by Medicare telehealth:
  - A subsequent inpatient visit can be furnished via Medicare telehealth, without the limitation that the telehealth visit is once every three days (CPT codes 99231-99233);
  - A subsequent skilled nursing facility visit can be furnished via Medicare telehealth, without the limitation that the telehealth visit is once every 30 days (CPT codes 99307-99310)
  - Critical care consult codes may be furnished to a Medicare beneficiary by telehealth beyond the once per day limitation (CPT codes G0508-G0509).
- For Medicare patients with End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), clinicians no longer must have one “hands on” visit per month for the current required clinical examination of the vascular access site.
- For Medicare patients with ESRD, we are exercising enforcement discretion on the following requirement so that clinicians can provide this service via telehealth: individuals must receive a face-to-face visit, without the use of telehealth, at least monthly in the case of the initial 3 months of home dialysis and at least once every 3 consecutive months after the initial 3 months.
- To the extent that a National Coverage Determination (NCD) or Local Coverage Determination (LCD) would otherwise require a face-to-face visit for evaluations and assessments, clinicians would not have to meet those requirements during the public health emergency.
- Beneficiary consent should not interfere with the provision of telehealth services. Annual consent may be obtained at the same time, and not necessarily before, the time that services are furnished.
- Physician visits: CMS is waiving the requirement in 42 CFR 483.30 for physicians and nonphysician practitioners to perform in-person visits for nursing home residents and allow visits to be conducted, as appropriate, via telehealth options.

Expansion of Virtual Check-Ins with 1135 Waiver: <sup>15 18 21</sup> – *Retroactively applies to March 1, 2020*

- Virtual check-in services can only be reported with established and new patients under the temporary regulations.
- This is not limited to only rural settings or certain locations.

- Individual services need to be agreed to by the patient; however, practitioners may educate beneficiaries on the availability of the service prior to patient agreement.
- HCPCS code **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.
- HCPCS code **G2010**: Remote evaluation of recorded video and/or images submitted by an established patient (e.g., store and forward), including interpretation with follow-up with the patient within 24 business hours, 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.
- Virtual check-ins can be conducted with a broader range of communication methods, unlike Medicare telehealth visits, which require audio and visual capabilities for real-time communication.

Expansion of Evisits with 1135 Waiver: <sup>15 18 21</sup> - *Retroactively applies to March 1, 2020*

- These services can only be reported when the billing practice has an established relationship with the patient.
- This is not limited to only rural settings. There are no geographic or location restrictions for these visits.
- Patients communicate with their doctors without going to the doctor’s office by using online patient portals.
- Individual services need to be initiated by the patient; however, practitioners may educate beneficiaries on the availability of the service prior to patient initiation.
- These services may be billed using CPT codes 99421-99423 and HCPCS codes G2061-G2063, as applicable
- Licensed clinical social workers, clinical psychologists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speech language pathologists may also provide e-visits. (HCPCS Codes G2061G2063
- The Medicare coinsurance and deductible would generally apply to these service
- Temporary Expanded Telehealth Coverage as of June 1, 2020

Code	Status	Can Audio-only Meet the Requirements?	Medicare Payment Limitations
77427	Temporary		
90785		Yes	
90791		Yes	
90792		Yes	
90832		Yes	
90833		Yes	
90834		Yes	



90836		Yes	
90837		Yes	
90838		Yes	

90839		Yes	
90840		Yes	
90845		Yes	
90846		Yes	
90847		Yes	
90853	Temporary	Yes	
90875	Temporary		Non-covered service
90951	Temporary		
90952	Temporary		
90953	Temporary		
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99350	Temporary		

<b>Code</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Can Audio-only Meet the Requirements?</b>	<b>Medicare Payment Limitations</b>
99354	Temporary	Yes	
99355	Temporary	Yes	
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99357	Temporary	Yes	

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S9152	Temporary		Not valid for Medicare
0362T	Temporary		
90785	Temporary	Yes	
G0108	Temporary	Yes	
G0109	Temporary	Yes	
G0270	Temporary	Yes	
G0296	Temporary	Yes	
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G0397	Temporary	Yes	
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G0408	Temporary	Yes	
G0410	Temporary		Statutory exclusion

G0420	Temporary	Yes	
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G0444	Temporary	Yes	
G0445	Temporary	Yes	
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G0514	Temporary	Yes	
G2086	Temporary	Yes	
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G2088	Temporary	Yes	
G9685	Temporary		

## Aetna (As of 5:00 PM EST 2/2/2021)

### Telehealth Cost Sharing:

For the duration of the public health emergency, Aetna will waive member cost sharing for covered in-network telehealth visits for outpatient behavioral and mental health counseling services. All commercial products for non-Covid-19 related reasons returned to normal cost sharing on 7/4/2020. This applies to Aetna Student Health plans as well. Self-insured plan sponsors will be able to opt-out of this program at their discretion.<sup>10 11</sup>

### Telehealth Billing:

Aetna has added the following HCPCS codes below. All telemedicine services previously covered in Aetna's telemedicine policy not noted below will be covered according to Aetna's current policy.<sup>12</sup> As of April 1, 2020, Aetna is requiring all telehealth claims to use **place of service (POS) code 02**.<sup>10 11</sup> Aetna's liberalized telehealth coverage will continue through the duration of the public health emergency. At which point, Aetna will reevaluate its policy.

The following codes require an audiovisual connection:<sup>10 11</sup>

Code	Mod	Description
90791, 90792	GT or 95	Psychiatric diagnostic interview examination
90832, 90833, 90834, 90836, 90837, 90838	GT or 95	Individual psychotherapy
90839, 90840	GT or 95	Psychotherapy for crisis; first 60 minutes; or each additional 30 minutes
90845	GT or 95	Psychoanalysis
90846, 90847, 90853	GT or 95	Family or group psychotherapy
90863	GT or 95	Pharmacologic management, including prescription and review of medication, when performed with psychotherapy services
90951, 90952, 90954, 90955, 90957, 90958, 90960, 90961, 90963, 90964, 90965, 90966, 90967, 90968, 90969, 90970	GT or 95	End-Stage renal disease (ESRD) related services
92227	GT or 95	Remote imaging for detection of retinal disease
93228, 93229	GT or 95	External mobile cardiovascular telemetry with ECG recording
93268, 93270, 93271, 93272	GT or 95	External patient and when performed auto activated ECG rhythm derived event recording
96040	GT or 95	Medical genetics and genetic counseling services
96116	GT or 95	Neurobehavioral status examination
96160, 96161	GT or 95	Administration of patient-focused health risk assessment instrument with scoring and documentation or for the benefit of the patient, per standardized instrument
97802, 97803, 97804; G0270	GT or 95	Individual and group medical nutrition therapy
98960, 98961, 98962	GT or 95	Education and training for patient self-management by a qualified, nonphysician health care professional



99201 – 99205, 99211 – 99215, 99241 – 99245	GT or 95	Office or other outpatient visits or consults
99231, 99232, 99233	GT or 95	Subsequent hospital care services, with the limitation of 1 Telehealth visit every 3 days
99251 - 99255	GT or 95	Inpatient consultation for a new or established patient

99307, 99308, 99309, 99310	GT or 95	Subsequent nursing facility care services, with the limitation of 1 Telehealth visit every 30 days
99354, 99355, 99356, 99357	GT or 95	Prolonged service, inpatient or office
99406, 99407, G0436, G0437	GT or 95	Smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling visit
99408, 99409	GT or 95	Alcohol and substance screen and intervention
99495, 99496	GT or 95	Transitional care management services
99497, 99498	GT or 95	Advanced care planning
90785	GT or 95	Interactive complexity
G0108, G0109	GT or 95	Individual and group diabetes self -management training services
G0296	GT or 95	Counseling visit to discuss need for lung cancer screening using low dose CT scan
G0396, G0397	GT or 95	Alcohol and/or substance abuse structured assessment
G0406, G0407, G0408	GT or 95	Follow -up inpatient Telehealth consultations furnished to beneficiaries in hospitals or SNFs
G0425, G0426, G0427	GT or 95	Telehealth consultations, emergency department or initial inpatient
G0438, G0439	GT or 95	Annual Wellness Visit, includes a personalized prevention plan of service
G0442, G0443	GT or 95	Alcohol misuse screening, counseling
G0444	GT or 95	Annual depression screening
G0445	GT or 95	High-intensity behavioral counseling to prevent sexually transmitted infection; face-to-face, individual, includes: education, skills training and guidance on how to change sexual behavior
G0446	GT or 95	Annual, face-to-face intensive behavioral therapy for cardiovascular disease
G0447	GT or 95	Face-to-face behavioral counseling for obesity
G0459	GT or 95	Telehealth Pharmacologic Management
G0506	GT or 95	Comprehensive assessment of and care planning for patients requiring chronic care management services
G0508, G0509	GT or 95	Telehealth consultation, critical care, initial, physicians typically spend 60 minutes communicating with the patient via telehealth; subsequent, physicians typically spend 50 minutes communicating with the patient and providers via telehealth
G0513, G0514	GT or 95	Prolonged preventive service
G2086, G2087, G2088	GT or 95	Opioid treatment

G2061, G2062, G2063	GT or 95	Qualified nonphysician healthcare professional online assessment, for an established patient, for up to seven days, cumulative time during the 7 days; 5-10 minutes; 11 – 20 minutes; or 21 or more minutes
H0015	GT or 95	Alcohol and/or drug services; intensive outpatient (treatment program that operates at least 3 hours/day and at least 3 days/week and is based on an individualized treatment plan), including assessment, counseling; crisis intervention, and activity therapies or education
H0035	GT or 95	Mental health partial hospitalization, treatment, less than 24 hours.
H2012	GT or 95	Behavioral health day treatment, per hour.
H2036	GT or 95	Alcohol and/or other drug treatment program, per diem
S9480	GT or 95	Intensive outpatient psychiatric services, per diem

77427	GT or 95	Radiation treatment management, 5 treatments
90953	GT or 95	End-stage renal disease (ESRD) related services monthly, for patients younger than 2 years of age to include monitoring for the adequacy of nutrition, assessment of growth and development, and counseling of parents; with 1 face-to-face visit by a physician or other qualified health care professional per month.
90959	GT or 95	End-stage renal disease (ESRD) related services monthly, for patients 12-19 years of age to include monitoring for the adequacy of nutrition, assessment of growth and development, and counseling of parents; with 1 face-to-face visit by a physician or other qualified health care professional per month.
90962	GT or 95	End-stage renal disease (ESRD) related services monthly, for patients 20 years of age and older; with 1 face-to-face visit by a physician or other qualified health care professional per month.
92507	GT or 95	Treatment of speech, language, voice, communication, and/or auditory processing disorder; individual
92521	GT or 95	Evaluation of speech fluency (eg, stuttering, cluttering).
92522	GT or 95	Evaluation of speech sound production (eg, articulation, phonological process, apraxia, dysarthria).
92523	GT or 95	Evaluation of speech sound production (eg, articulation, phonological process, apraxia, dysarthria); with evaluation of language comprehension and expression (eg, receptive and expressive language).
92524	GT or 95	Behavioral and qualitative analysis of voice and resonance.
96121	GT or 95	Neurobehavioral status exam (clinical assessment of thinking, reasoning and judgment, [eg, acquired knowledge, attention, language, memory, planning and problem solving, and visual spatial abilities]), by physician or other qualified health care professional, both face-to-face time with the patient and time interpreting test results and preparing the report; each additional hour (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure).
96130, 96131	GT or 95	Psychological testing evaluation services by physician or other qualified health care professional, including integration of patient data, interpretation of standardized test results and clinical data, clinical decision making, treatment planning and report, and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s), when performed; first hour; + each additional hour (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

96132, 96133	GT or 95	Neuropsychological testing evaluation services by physician or other qualified health care professional, including integration of patient data, interpretation of standardized test results and clinical data, clinical decision making, treatment planning and report, and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s), when performed; first hour; + each additional hour (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
96136, 96137	GT or 95	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by physician or other qualified health care professional, two or more tests, any method; first 30 minutes. + each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure).
96138, 96139	GT or 95	Psychological or neuropsychological test administration and scoring by technician, two or more tests, any method; first 30 minutes. + Each additional 30 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
96158, 96159	GT or 95	Health behavior intervention, individual, face-to-face; initial 30 minutes. + each additional 15 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary service).
96164, 96165	GT or 95	Health behavior intervention, group (2 or more patients), face-to-face; initial 30 minutes. + each additional 15 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary service).

96167, 96168	GT or 95	Health behavior intervention, family (with the patient present), face-to-face; initial 30 minutes. + each additional 15 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary service).
96170, 96171	GT or 95	Health behavior intervention, family (without the patient present), face-to-face; initial 30 minutes + each additional 15 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary service).
97110	GT or 95	Therapeutic procedure, 1 or more areas, each 15 minutes; therapeutic exercises to develop strength and endurance, range of motion and flexibility.
97112	GT or 95	Therapeutic procedure, 1 or more areas, each 15 minutes; neuromuscular reeducation of movement, balance, coordination, kinesthetic sense, posture, and/or proprioception for sitting and/or standing activities.
97116	GT or 95	Therapeutic procedure, 1 or more areas, each 15 minutes; gait training (includes stair climbing).
97151	GT or 95	Behavior identification assessment, administered by a QHP, face to face with patient and/or guardians administering assessments and discussing findings and recommendations. Includes non-face-to-face analyzing of past data, scoring/interpreting the assessment, and preparing the report/treatment plan.
97153	GT or 95	Adaptive behavior treatment by protocol, administered by technician under the direction of a physician or other qualified health care professional, face-to-face with one patient, each 15 minutes.
97155	GT or 95	Adaptive behavior treatment with protocol modification, administered by QHP, which may include simultaneous direction of a technician working face to face with a patient
97156	GT or 95	Family adaptive behavior treatment guidance administered by QHP, with parent/guardian
97157	GT or 95	Multiple-family group adaptive behavior treatment guidance, administered by QHP, with multiple sets of parents/guardians
97161, 97162, 97163	GT or 95	Physical therapy evaluation: low, moderate, or high complexity

97164	GT or 95	Re-evaluation of physical therapy established plan of care
97165, 97166, 97167	GT or 95	Occupational therapy evaluation, low , moderate, or high complexity
97168	GT or 95	Re-evaluation of occupational therapy established plan of care
97535	GT or 95	Self-care/home management training (eg, activities of daily living (ADL) and compensatory training, meal preparation, safety procedures, and instructions in use of assistive technology devices/adaptive equipment) direct one-on-one contact, each 15 minutes.
97755	GT or 95	Assistive technology assessment (eg, to restore, augment or compensate for existing function, optimize functional tasks and/or maximize environmental accessibility), direct one-on-one contact, with written report, each 15 minutes.
97760	GT or 95	Orthotic(s) management and training (including assessment and fitting when not otherwise reported), upper extremity(ies), lower extremity(ies) and/or trunk, initial orthotic(s) encounter, each 15 minutes.
97761	GT or 95	Prosthetic(s) training, upper and/or lower extremity(ies), initial prosthetic(s) encounter, each 15 minutes.
98970, 98971, 98972	None	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; 11-20; or 21 or more minutes.
99217	GT or 95	Observation care discharge day management
99218, 99219, 99220	GT or 95	Initial observation care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient

99221, 99222, 99223	GT or 95	Initial hospital care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient,
99224, 99225, 99226	GT or 95	Subsequent observation care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient
99231, 99232, 99233	GT or 95	Subsequent hospital care services *The limitation of 1 Telehealth visit every 3 days will be waived during the 90 day period.
99234, 99235, 99236	GT or 95	Observation or inpatient hospital care, for the evaluation and management of a patient
99238, 99239	GT or 95	Hospital discharge day management; 30 minutes or less; or more than 30 minutes
99281, 99282, 99283, 99284, 99285	GT or 95	Emergency department visit for the evaluation and management of a patient
99291, 99292	GT or 95	Critical care, evaluation and management of the critically ill or critically injured patient
99304, 99305, 99306	GT or 95	Initial nursing facility care, per day, for the evaluation and management of a patient
99307, 99308, 99309, 99310	GT or 95	Subsequent nursing facility care services *The limitation of 1 Telehealth visit every 30 days will be waived during the 90 day period
99315, 99316	GT or 95	Nursing facility discharge day management
99327, 99328, 99334, 99335, 99336, 99337	GT or 95	Domiciliary or rest home visit for the evaluation and management of a new or established patient

99341, 99342, 99343; 99344, 99345, 99347, 99348, 99349, 99350	GT or 95	Home visit for the evaluation and management of a new or established patient
99421, 99422, 99423	None	Online digital evaluation and management service, for an established patient, for up to 7 days, cumulative time during the 7 days; 5-10; 11-20; or 21 or more minutes.
99468, 99469	GT or 95	Initial or Subsequent inpatient neonatal critical care
99471, 99472, 99475, 99476	GT or 95	Initial or Subsequent inpatient pediatric critical care
99477	GT or 95	Initial hospital care, per day, for the evaluation and management of the neonate
99478, 99479, 99480	GT or 95	Subsequent intensive care, per day, for the evaluation and management of the recovering infant
99483	GT or 95	Assessment of and care planning for a patient with cognitive impairment
G2010	None	Remote evaluation of recorded video and/or images submitted by an established patient (e.g., store and forward), including interpretation with follow-up with the patient within 24 business hours, 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.
G2012	None	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.
96156	None	Health behavior assessment or re-assessment (e.g., health-focused clinical interview, behavioral observations, clinical decision making)
98966, 98967, 98968	None	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; 11-20; or 21-30 minutes of medical discussion.
99441, 99442, 99443	None	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; 11-20; or 20-30 minutes of medical discussion.
99446, 99447, 99448, 99449	None	Interprofessional telephone/Internet/electronic health record assessment and management service provided by a consultative physician, including a verbal and written report to the patient's treating/requesting physician or other qualified health care professional; 5-10 minutes; 11-20 minutes; 21-30 minutes; or 31 minutes of more of medical consultative discussion and review
99451		Interprofessional telephone/Internet/electronic health record assessment and management service provided by a consultative physician, including a written report to the patient's treating/requesting physician or other qualified health care professional, 5 minutes or more of medical consultative time.
99452	None	Interprofessional telephone/Internet/electronic health record referral service(s) provided by a treating/requesting physician or other qualified health care professional, 30 minutes.

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90832, 90833, 90834, 90836, 90837, 90838	GT or 95	Individual psychotherapy
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90845	GT or 95	Psychoanalysis
90846, 90847, 90853	GT or 95	Family or group psychotherapy
90863	GT or 95	Pharmacologic management, including prescription and review of medication, when performed with psychotherapy services
96116	GT or 95	Neurobehavioral status examination

## CareFirst BCBS of Maryland (As of 5:00 PM EST 2/2/2021)

### Telehealth Cost Sharing:

CareFirst is waiving cost sharing (copays, coinsurance and deductibles) for in-network and out-of-network visits to a provider's office, including telemedicine, related to diagnosis and treatment of COVID-19 through the duration of the public health emergency. Expanded telehealth services will continue at a minimum through the duration of the national public health emergency, as well.

### Telehealth Billing:

If your practice has its own telemedicine capability (audio/video), proceed with visits and bill CareFirst as normal with a **Place of Service "02"** and refer to the chart below for accepted telemedicine procedure codes and modifiers.<sup>20</sup> Services for diagnosis, consultation or treatment provided through telemedicine must meet all the requirements of a face-to-face consultation or contact between a licensed health care provider and a patient consistent with the provider's scope of practice for services appropriately provided through telemedicine services. Utilization review may be performed. Documentation in the medical record must support the services rendered.<sup>12</sup>

If your practice does not have telemedicine capability, please note that the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the HHS has stated that providers may use commercially available video chat services to provide telehealth without risk that OCR might seek to impose a penalty for noncompliance with the HIPAA Rules during the COVID-19 nationwide public health emergency. Guidance and frequently asked questions can be found on their website.<sup>22</sup>

CareFirst is amending its Medical Policy on a temporary basis to pay for telephonic consultations provided by physicians and nurse practitioners credentialed in CareFirst's network for the following specialties: primary care provider, OB/GYN, family practice and pediatrics. CareFirst will pay a \$20 flat fee for CPT 99441. We selected this code for all telephonic visits, regardless of the amount of time. This is in effect through the duration of the national public health emergency.<sup>12</sup>

Code	Mod	POS	Temporary / Existing
90785	95 or GT	02	Existing
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90792	95 or GT	02	Existing
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90834	95 or GT	02	Existing
90836	95 or GT	02	Existing
90837	95 or GT	02	Existing
90838	95 or GT	02	Existing
90845	95 or GT	02	Existing
90846	95 or GT	02	Existing
90847	95 or GT	02	Existing
90849	95 or GT	02	Existing
90853	95 or GT	02	Existing
90863	95 or GT	02	Existing
90951	95 or GT	02	Existing

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97802	95 or GT	02	Existing
97803	95 or GT	02	Existing
97804	95 or GT	02	Existing
98960	95 or GT	02	Existing
98961	95 or GT	02	Existing
98962	95 or GT	02	Existing
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90952	95 or GT	02	Existing
90954	95 or GT	02	Existing
90955	95 or GT	02	Existing

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99222	95 or GT	02	Existing
99223	95 or GT	02	Existing

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90961	95 or GT	02	Existing
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90966	95 or GT	02	Temporary
90967	GT	02	Temporary
90968	95 or GT	02	Temporary
90969	GT	02	Temporary
90970	95 or GT	02	Temporary
92227	95 or GT	02	Existing
92228	95 or GT	02	Existing
92507	95 or GT	02	Existing
92508	None	02	Temporary
92521	None	02	Temporary
92522	None	02	Temporary
92523	None	02	Temporary
92524	None	02	Temporary
92526	95 or GT	02	Existing
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92627	None	02	Temporary
92630	None	02	Temporary
92633	None	02	Temporary
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93229	95 or GT	02	Existing
93268	95 or GT	02	Existing
93270	95 or GT	02	Existing
93271	95 or GT	02	Existing
93272	95 or GT	02	Existing
96040	95 or GT	02	Existing
96105	None	02	Temporary
96116	95 or GT	02	Existing
96121	95 or GT	02	Existing
96125	None	02	Temporary
96160	GT	02	Temporary
96161	GT	02	Temporary
97110	None	02	Temporary
97112	None	02	Temporary
97129	None	02	Temporary
97130	None	02	Temporary
97151	GT	02	Temporary
97153	None	02	Temporary

99231	95 or GT	02	Existing
99232	95 or GT	02	Existing
99233	95 or GT	02	Existing
99241	95 or GT	02	Existing
99242	95 or GT	02	Existing
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99348	95 or GT	02	Existing
99349	95 or GT	02	Existing
99350	95 or GT	02	Existing
99354	95 or GT	02	Existing
99355	95 or GT	02	Existing
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99396	None	02	Temporary
99397	None	02	Temporary
99401	95 or GT	02	Existing



97155	GT	02	Temporary	99402	95 or GT	02	Existing
97156	GT	02	Temporary	99403	95 or GT	02	Existing
97157	GT	02	Temporary	99404	95 or GT	02	Existing
97161	None	02	Temporary	99406	95 or GT	02	Existing
97162	None	02	Temporary	99407	95 or GT	02	Existing
97164	None	02	Temporary	99408	95 or GT	02	Existing
97165	None	02	Temporary	99409	95 or GT	02	Existing
97166	None	02	Temporary	99495	95 or GT	02	Existing
97168	None	02	Temporary	99496	95 or GT	02	Existing
97530	95 or GT	02	Existing	99497	GT	02	Temporary
97533	None	02	Temporary	99498	GT	02	Temporary
97535	None	02	Temporary	S9443	95 or GT	02	Existing

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### *Telehealth Expansion:*

United Healthcare is extending telehealth expansion throughout the duration of the Public Health Emergency for in-network providers.<sup>13</sup> United Healthcare will waive the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid’s (CMS) originating site restriction and audio-video requirement for Medicare Advantage, Medicaid and commercial members. Eligible care providers can now bill for telehealth services performed using audio-video or audio-only, except in the cases where they have explicitly denoted the need for interactive audio/video such as with PT/OT/ST, while a patient is at home.<sup>13</sup> United Healthcare is reimbursing any code approved by CMS for telehealth services during the public health emergency in addition to previously approved United approved Telehealth CPT codes. United Healthcare is asking providers to use the applicable telehealth modifiers and **Place of Service (POS) code for telehealth (i.e. Telehealth – 02).**<sup>19</sup>

### *Telehealth Expansion for Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy:*

United Healthcare will allow physical, occupational and speech therapists to bill telehealth services when they are rendered using interactive audio/video technology. Please see the chart below for reimbursable codes for physical, occupational, and speech therapy.<sup>13</sup>

Service Type	Code	Description
PT	97161	Physical therapy evaluation -low complexity
PT	97162	Physical therapy evaluation -moderate complexity
PT	97163	Physical therapy evaluation -high complexity
PT	97164	Physical therapy re-evaluation
PT	97110	Therapeutic procedure, one or more areas, each 15 minutes
PT	97116	Gait training
PT	97530	Therapeutic activities, one-to-one patient contact, each 15 minutes
PT	97112	Therapeutic procedure, one or more areas, each 15 minutes
PT	97535	Therapy Self-care/home management training, each 15 minutes
OT	97165	Occupational therapy evaluation -low complexity
OT	97166	Occupational therapy evaluation -moderate complexity
OT	97167	Occupational therapy evaluation –high complexity
OT	97168	Occupational therapy re-evaluation
OT	97110	Therapeutic procedure, one or more areas, each 15 minutes
OT	97530	Therapeutic activities, one-to-one patient contact, each 15 minutes
OT	97112	Therapeutic procedure, one or more areas, each 15 minutes
OT	97535	Self-care/home management training, each 15 minutes
ST	92507	Treatment of speech, language, voice, communication, and/or auditory processing disorder
ST	92521	Evaluation of speech fluency
ST	92522	Evaluation of speech sound production
ST	92523	Evaluation of speech sound production
ST	92526	Treatment of swallowing dysfunction and/or oral function for feeding
ST	96105	Assessment of Aphasia and Cognitive Performance Testing

ST	97129	Therapeutic interventions that focus on cognitive function
ST	97130	Each additional 15 minutes (use in conjunction with 97129)

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In an effort to remove barriers for our customers to access timely and safe care, while ensuring that providers can continue to deliver necessary services in necessary settings, Cigna will allow providers to bill a standard face-to-face visit for all virtual care services, including those not related to COVID-19. This means that providers can perform services for commercial Cigna customers in a virtual setting and bill as though the services were performed face-to-face.<sup>14</sup> Cigna's liberalized telehealth policy will remain through April 1, 2021, at which point it will be reevaluated.

For a full list of services approved to be furnished via telehealth, please visit Cigna's website: <https://static.cigna.com/assets/chcp/resourceLibrary/medicalResourcesList/medicalDoingBusinessWithCigna/medicalDbwcCOVID-19.html>

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