

# COVID-19 Coding

## Remote services CPTs 3/20/20

### TELEPHONE:

#### *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

#### *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

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### PORTAL / EMAIL:

#### *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

*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

Established patient 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

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### COVID Risk Counseling *NOT in Appendix P* 3/17/20

As COVID risk is NOT of the type one would expect to address at a typical well visit, this code might be paid when reported with all visit types

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

**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

“CDC [announced] a change in the effective date of new diagnosis code U07.1, COVID-19, from October 1, 2020 to April 1, 2020. This off-cycle update is unprecedented and is an exception to the code set updating process established under HIPAA.”

3/12/20

In the absence of a unique code available for COVID-19 related services in the current ICD-10-CM (effective October 1, 2019), please find below a summary of CDC’s Coding Guidelines - Supplement Coding encounters related to COVID-19 Coronavirus Outbreak (Eff: February 20, 2020)

This coding guidance has been developed by CDC and approved by the four organizations that make up the Cooperating Parties: the National Center for Health Statistics, the American Health Information Management Association, the American Hospital Association, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

## General Guidance

### 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**

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## For consideration

Z60.9 Problem related to social environment, unspecified

Z63.79 Other stressful life events affecting family and household