

# Virtual Visit & Reimbursement Guide

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### Definition:

There are two types of telehealth services:

- **Asynchronous Telehealth (Store & Forward)** is the transfer of digital images, sounds, or previously recorded video from one location to another to allow a consulting practitioner (usually a specialist) to obtain information, analyze it, and report back to the referring practitioner. This is a non-interactive telecommunication because the physician or health care practitioner views the medical information without the patient being present.
- **Synchronous Telehealth** is real-time interactive video conferencing that involves communication between the patient and a distant practitioner who is performing the medical service. The practitioner sees the patient throughout the communication, so that two-way communication (sight and sound) can take place.

### CPT/HCPCS Codes:

#### **Synchronous Audio/Video CPT Codes:**

- **98000:** Synchronous audio-video visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and straightforward medical decision making. When using total time on the date of the encounter for code selection, 15 minutes must be met or exceeded
- **98001:** Synchronous audio-video visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and low medical decision making. When using total time on the date of the encounter for code selection, 30 minutes must be met or exceeded
- **98002:** Synchronous audio-video visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and moderate medical decision making. When using total time on the date of the encounter for code selection, 45 minutes must be met or exceeded
- **98003:** Synchronous audio-video visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and high medical decision making. When using total time on the date of the encounter for code selection, 60 minutes must be met or exceeded
- **98004:** Synchronous audio-video visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and straightforward medical decision making. When using total time on the date of the encounter for code selection, 10 minutes must be met or exceeded
- **98005:** Synchronous audio-video visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and low medical decision making. When using total time on the date of the encounter for code selection, 20 minutes must be met or exceeded
- **98006:** Synchronous audio-video visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and moderate medical decision making. When using total time on the date of the encounter for code selection, 30 minutes must be met or exceeded
- **98007:** Synchronous audio-video visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and high medical decision making. When using total time on the date of the encounter for code selection, 40 minutes must be met or exceeded

Other CPT/HCPCS are often eligible to be reported via synchronous audio/video telehealth (refer to payor guidelines section for specific code sets)

#### **Synchronous Audio-Only CPT Codes:**

- **98008:** Synchronous audio-only visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination, straightforward medical decision making, and more than 10 minutes of medical discussion. When using total time on the date of the encounter for code selection, 15 minutes must be met or exceeded
- **98009:** Synchronous audio-only visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination, low medical decision making, and more than 10 minutes of medical discussion. When using total time on the date of the encounter for code selection, 30 minutes must be met or exceeded
- **98010:** Synchronous audio-only visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination, moderate medical decision making, and more than 10 minutes of medical discussion. When using total time on the date of the encounter for code selection, 45 minutes must be met or exceeded
- **98011:** Synchronous audio-only visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination, high medical decision making, and more than 10 minutes of medical discussion. When using total time on the date of the encounter for code selection, 60 minutes must be met or exceeded

- **98012:** Synchronous audio-only visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination, straightforward medical decision making, and more than 10 minutes of medical discussion. When using total time on the date of the encounter for code selection, 10 minutes must be exceeded
- **98013:** Synchronous audio-only visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination, low medical decision making, and more than 10 minutes of medical discussion. When using total time on the date of the encounter for code selection, 20 minutes must be met or exceeded
- **98014:** Synchronous audio-only visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination, moderate medical decision making, and more than 10 minutes of medical discussion. When using total time on the date of the encounter for code selection, 30 minutes must be met or exceeded
- **98015:** Synchronous audio-only visit for the evaluation and management of an established patient, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination, high medical decision making, and more than 10 minutes of medical discussion. When using total time on the date of the encounter for code selection, 40 minutes must be met or exceeded

### Place of Service Codes

#### **POS 02:** Telehealth Provided Other than in Patient's Home

- The location where health services and health related services are provided or received, through telecommunication technology. Patient is not located in their home when receiving health services or health related services through telecommunication technology.

#### **POS 10:** Telehealth Provider in Patient's Home

- The location where health services and health related services are provided or received through telecommunication technology. Patient is located in their home (which is a location other than a hospital or other facility where the patient receives care)

### Modifiers

#### **Synchronous Telehealth Modifiers:**

- **95:** synchronous telemedicine service rendered via real-time Interactive audio and video telecommunications system
- **GT:** Via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems
- **G0:** Telehealth services furnished for purposes of diagnosis, evaluation, or treatment of symptoms of an acute stroke
- **FQ:** The service was furnished using audio-only communication technology.
- **93:** Synchronous telemedicine service rendered via telephone or other real-time interactive audio-only telecommunications system

#### **Asynchronous Telehealth Modifier:**

- **GQ:** Via an asynchronous telecommunications system

### Reporting Criteria:

- Must be initiated by the patient
- Communication must be a direct interaction between the patient and the healthcare professional
- HIPAA compliant platform must be utilized

### Documentation Requirements:

Telehealth services have the same documentation requirements as a face-to-face encounter. The information of the visit, history, review of systems, consultative notes, or any information used to make a medical decision about the patient should be documented. In addition, the documentation should note that the service was provided through telehealth, both the location of the patient and the provider, and the names and roles of any other persons participating in the telehealth visit, and the length of the call. Obtain consent at the start of the visit and ensure consent is documented. Maintain a permanent record of the telehealth visit in the patient's medical record.

**Definition:**

Online Digital Evaluation and Management Services (E-Visits) are an E/M service provided by a Qualified Healthcare Professional or an assessment provided by a Qualified Nonphysician Healthcare Professional to a patient using an audio and visual software-based communication, such as a patient portal.

**CPT/HCPCS Codes:**

Reportable by a Qualified Healthcare Professionals:

- **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:** Online digital evaluation and management service, for an established patient, for up to 7 days, cumulative time during the 7 days; 11-20 minutes.
- **99423:** Online digital evaluation and management service, for an established patient, for up to 7 days, cumulative time during the 7 days; 21 or more minutes.

Reportable by Qualified Nonphysician Healthcare Professionals (Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Speech Language Pathologists, Clinical Psychologists Registered Dietitian, etc.):

- **G2061/98970:** Nonphysician qualified healthcare professional online digital assessment and management, for an established patient, for up to 7 days, cumulative time during the 7 days; 5-10 minutes
- **G2062/98971:** Nonphysician qualified healthcare professional online digital assessment and management, for an established patient, for up to 7 days, cumulative time during the 7 days; 11-20 minutes
- **G2063/98972:** Nonphysician qualified healthcare professional online digital assessment and management, for an established patient, for up to 7 days, cumulative time during the 7 days; 21 or more minutes

**Reporting Criteria:**

- Online visits must be initiated by the patient. However, practitioners can educate beneficiaries on the availability of e-visits prior to patient initiation.
- The patient must be established
- E-Visit codes can only be reported once in a 7-day period.
- Cannot report when service originates from a related E/M service performed/reported within the previous 7 days, or for a related problem within a postoperative period.
- E-Visits are reimbursed based on time.
  - The 7-day period begins when the physician personally reviews the patient's inquiry.
  - Time counted is spent in evaluation, professional decision making, assessment and subsequent management.
  - Time is accumulated over the 7 days and includes time spent by the original physician and any other physicians or other qualified health professionals in the same group practice who may contribute to the cumulative service time.
  - Does not include time spent on non-evaluative electronic communications (scheduling, referral notifications, test result notifications, etc.). Clinical staff time is also not included.

**Documentation Requirements:**

These are time-based codes, and documentation must support what the physician did and for how long. Time is documented and calculated over the 7-day duration and must meet the CPTs time requirement. Obtain verbal consent at the start of the visit and ensure the consent is documented. Maintain a permanent record of the telehealth visit in the patient's medical record.

**Definition:**

A brief check in between a practitioner and a patient via telephone or other audiovisual device to decide whether an office visit or other service is needed. A remote evaluation is recorded video and/or images submitted by an established patient.

**CPT/HCPCS Codes:**

- **98016:** Brief communication technology-based service (eg, 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 evaluation and management service provided within the previous 7 days nor leading to an evaluation and management service or procedure within the next 24 hours or soonest available appointment, 5-10 minutes of medical discussion
- **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.
- **G2250:** Remote assessment 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 service provided within the previous 7 days nor leading to a service or procedure within the next 24 hours or soonest available appointment.
- **G2251:** Brief communication technology-based service, e.g. virtual check-in, by a qualified health care professional who cannot report evaluation and management services, provided to an established patient, not originating from a related service provided within the previous 7 days nor leading to a service or procedure within the next 24 hours or soonest available appointment; 5-10 minutes of clinical discussion.
- **G2252:** 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; 11-20 minutes of medical discussion
- **G0071:** Payment for communication technology-based services for 5 minutes or more of a virtual (non-face-to-face) communication between an rural health clinic (RHC) or federally qualified health center (FQHC) practitioner and RHC or FQHC patient, or 5 minutes or more of remote evaluation of recorded video and/or images by an RHC or FQHC practitioner, occurring in lieu of an office visit; RHC or FQHC only

**Reporting Criteria:**

- The patient must be established
- Communication must be a direct interaction between the patient and the practitioner. Not billable if performed by clinical staff.
- If the virtual check-in originates from a related E/M provided within the previous 7 days, then the service is considered bundled into that previous E/M and would not be separately billable.
- If the virtual check-in leads to an E/M within the next 24 hours or soonest available appointment, then the service is considered bundled into the pre-visit time of the associated E/M and would not be separately billable.

**Documentation Requirements:**

Documentation should include medical decisions made, names and roles of any persons participating in the evaluation, and the communication method (telephone, video/audio software, etc.). Obtain verbal consent at the start of the visit and ensure the consent is documented. Maintain a permanent record of the telehealth visit in the patient's medical record.

# PAYOR MATRIX

PAOR	E-VISIT	TELEHEALTH-AUDIO/VIDEO	TELEHEALTH-AUDIO ONLY	VIRTUAL CHECK-IN
<b>AETNA</b>	<b>CONDITIONAL</b>  Check Contracted Fee Schedule	<b>ALLOWABLE</b>  <u>Allowable Codes:</u> Telehealth Eligible Code <u>POS:</u> 02 or 10 <u>Modifier:</u> GT, 95, FR	<b>ALLOWABLE</b>  <u>Allowable Codes:</u> Audio Only Telehealth Eligible Code <u>POS:</u> 02 or 10 <u>Modifier:</u> 93, FQ	<b>CONDITIONAL</b>  Check Contracted Fee Schedule
<b>BCBS OF IL</b>	<b>CONDITIONAL</b>  Check contracted fee schedule to see if allowable	<b>ALLOWABLE</b>  <u>Allowable Codes:</u> Medically Necessary Code <u>POS:</u> 02 or 10 <u>Modifier:</u> GT or 95	<b>ALLOWABLE</b>  <u>Allowable Codes:</u> Medically Necessary Code <u>POS:</u> 02 or 10 <u>Modifier:</u> 93 or FQ	<b>CONDITIONAL</b>  Check contracted fee schedule to see if allowable
<b>CIGNA</b>	<b>NOT ALLOWABLE</b>	<b>ALLOWABLE</b>  <u>Allowable Codes:</u> Telehealth Eligible Code <u>POS:</u> 02 <u>Modifier:</u> 95, GT	<b>NOT ALLOWABLE</b>	<b>ALLOWABLE</b>  98016
<b>MEDICA*</b> *Excludes MHCP Members	<b>ALLOWABLE</b>  99421-99423 98970 -98972 G2061-G2063	<b>ALLOWABLE</b>  <u>Allowable Codes:</u> Telehealth Eligible Code <u>POS:</u> 02 or 10 <u>Modifier:</u> GT, 95	<b>ALLOWABLE</b>  <u>Allowable Codes:</u> Telehealth Eligible Code <u>POS:</u> 02 or 10 <u>Modifier:</u> 93, FQ	<b>ALLOWABLE</b>  G2010 98016
<b>MEDICARE</b>	<b>ALLOWABLE</b>  99421-99423 G2061-G2063 RHC: G0071	<b>ALLOWABLE</b>  <u>Allowable Codes:</u> Telehealth Eligible Code <u>POS:</u> 02 or 10 <u>Modifier:</u> Hospital Based Provider-95 <u>Method II:</u> Modifier GT <u>RHC:</u> G2025	<b>ALLOWABLE</b>  <u>Allowable Codes:</u> Telehealth Eligible Code <u>POS:</u> 02 or 10 <u>Modifier:</u> 93 <u>Method II:</u> Modifier GT <u>RHC:</u> G2025	<b>ALLOWABLE</b>  98016 G2010 G2250-G2252
<b>MEDICAID</b>	<b>ALLOWABLE</b>  99421-99423 98970 -98972 G2061-G2063	<b>ALLOWABLE</b>  <u>Allowable Codes:</u> Medically Necessary Code <u>POS:</u> 02 or 10 <u>Modifier:</u> GT	<b>ALLOWABLE</b>  <u>Allowable Codes:</u> Medically Necessary Code <u>POS:</u> 02 or 10 <u>Modifier:</u> 93	<b>ALLOWABLE</b>  98016 G2010 G2250-G2252
<b>UHC COMMERCIAL</b>	<b>ALLOWABLE</b>  99421-99423 98970 -98972	<b>ALLOWABLE</b>  <u>Allowable Codes:</u> Telehealth Eligible Code <u>POS:</u> 02 or 10 <u>Modifier:</u> 95 or GT	<b>ALLOWABLE</b>  <u>Allowable Codes:</u> Audio Only Telehealth Eligible Code <u>POS:</u> 02 or 10 <u>Modifier:</u> 93	<b>ALLOWABLE</b>  98016 G2010 G2250-G2252



### Payor Specific Key Points

#### E-Visits/Virtual Check Ins:

##### **Allowable Codes:**

- **E-Visits:** Check Contracted Fee Schedule
- **Virtual Check-Ins:** Check Contracted Fee Schedule

#### Remote Patient Monitoring:

##### **Allowable Codes:**

- 98975, 98976, 98977, 98978, 98980, 98981, 99453, 99454, 99457, 99458

##### **Modifier:**

- No telehealth modifier required

#### Interprofessional Codes:

##### **Allowable Codes:**

- 99446-99449, 99451, 99452, G9037, G0546-G0551

##### **Modifier:**

- No telehealth modifier required

#### Telehealth:

##### **Allowable Services:**

See table below for allowable code set

##### **Audio Only Services:**

Designated codes, highlighted in blue in the below “Telehealth Allowable Codes” matrix, can be performed via an audio only connection

##### **Modifiers/POS:**

- **POS** 02 or 10
- **Modifiers**
  - **Audio-Visual:** GT, 95, FR
  - **Audio-Only:** 93, FQ
  - **Asynchronous:** GQ

##### **Direct Patient Contact:**

Unless listed as a covered service, medical services that do not include direct in-person patient contact are not payable

##### **Not Reimbursable:**

- Care Plan Oversight
- Concierge Medicine (boutique medicine)
- Missed appointments

##### **Transmission & Originating Site Fees:**

T1014 and Q3014 are not eligible for payment, Aetna considers these services as incidental to the charges associated with the E/M.

### AETNA ELIGIBLE TELEHEALTH CODES

#### Telehealth Allowable Codes

90785	90791	90792	90832	90833	90834	90836	90837	90838	90839	90840	90845	90846	90847
90849	90853	90863	90951	90952	90954	90955	90957	90958	90960	90961	90963	90964	90965



90966	90967	90968	90969	90970	92227	92228	92507	92508	92521	92522	92523	92524	92526
92601	92602	92603	92604	93228	93229	93268	93270	93271	93272	94664	96040	96105	96110
96112	96113	96116	96121	96125	96127	96130	96131	96132	96133	96136	96137	96138	96139
96156	96158	96159	96160	96161	96164	96165	96167	96168	96170	96171	97110	97112	97116
97129	97130	97151	97153	97155	97156	97157	97161	97162	97163	97164	97165	97166	97167
97168	97530	97535	97750	97755	97760	97761	97802	97803	97804	98960	98961	98962	99202
99203	99204	99205	99211	99212	99213	99214	99215	99231	99232	99233	99252	99253	99254
99255	99307	99308	99309	99310	99406	99407	99408	99409	99417	99418	99446	99447	99448
99449	99451	99452	99483	99495	99496	99497	99498	C7900	C7901	C7902	G0108	G0109	G0270
G0296	G0316	G0317	G0318	G0396	G0397	G0406	G0407	G0408	G0410	G0425	G0426	G0427	G0438
G0439	G0442	G0443	G0444	G0445	G0447	G0459	G0506	G0508	G0509	G0513	G0514	G2086	G2087
G2088	G2212	G3002	G3003	H0015	H0035	H0038	H2012	H2036	S9443	S9480	97152	97154	97158
97542	98000	98001	98002	98003	98004	98005	98006	98007					

Cells Highlighted in Yellow do **NOT** Require a Modifier  
Codes in Blue are Allowable via an audio only connection

**Payor Specific Key Points****E-Visits/Telephone/Virtual Check-In:*****Allowable Codes:***

- **E-Visits:** Check fee schedule
- **Virtual Check-In:** Check fee schedule

**Telehealth:*****Telehealth Requirements:***

The following requirements must be met for eligible reimbursement:

- The provider must maintain complete and accurate medical records including but not limited to start and end times of the telemedicine/telehealth or virtual health care service
- The method of communication must be documented
- Ensure HIPAA compliant and federal and state privacy laws are implemented for member communications, recordings, and member's records
- Qualified providers providing telemedicine/telehealth or virtual health care services must possess the necessary license to treat members of the Plan's state.

Providers should utilize the appropriate methods for communication service described below depending on the type of service needed and as allowed by state and federal laws

- Synchronous: 2-way, live interactive audio and video communications
- Asynchronous telecommunication - Via image and video not provided in real-time (a service is recorded as video or captured as an image; the provider evaluates it later)
  - E-Visits
  - Mobile health
  - Store and forward
  - Remote Monitoring Services
  - Virtual Check-ins

***Allowable Services:***

Eligible telehealth codes are on fee schedules available to contracted providers

BCBS IL will not accept asynchronous telecommunication services. Claims with lines of service submitted with modifier GQ will not be eligible for reimbursement.

***Audio Only Services:***

- Designated codes, highlighted

***Modifiers/POS:***

- **POS** 02 or 10
- **Modifier** 95, GT, FR, FQ, 93, G0
  - If a claim is submitted using a telemedicine procedure code, the modifier is not necessary. Only codes that are not traditional telemedicine procedure codes require the modifier.
  - Modifier G0 will only be accepted when modifier GT and/or modifier 95 are appended to the service.

***Patient Location:***

Patient can be located at home or at an allowable originating site facility.

***Provider Type:***

A person who is licensed to practice medicine in Illinois. Licensed providers must meet the health plans definition of eligible provider.

***Reimbursement:***

Refer to contracted provider fee schedule

***Transmission & Originating Site Fees:***

An originating site fee, Q3014, is available for reimbursement

Appropriate billing of Q3014:

- The provider who is supplying the room and telecommunication equipment with the member physically present, may submit Q3014
- The member visits their PCP's office, and the PCP helps to initiate a telehealth appointment with a specialist located in another office location
- PCP's office can submit Q3014 for physically hosting the patient (member)
- The specialist located in another office location may not bill code Q3014 since they are not the originating site

## Payor Specific Key Points

### E-Visits/Virtual Check Ins:

#### *Allowable Codes:*

- **E-Visits:** Not Allowable
- **Virtual Check-Ins:** 98016

### Interprofessional Consultations:

Cigna recognizes E-Consult codes, which occurs when a treating health provider seeks guidance from a specialist physician through electronic means (phone, internet, EHR consultation, etc.)

- **Allowable Codes:** 99446-99452
- **Non-Billable:**
  - If the consultation to a transfer of care or other face-to-face service (e.g., a surgery, a hospital visit, or a scheduled office evaluation of the patient) within the next 14 days or next available appointment date of the consultant, these codes should not be billed.
  - If the consultation lasted less than 5 minutes.
  - If the consultation was for the sole purpose to arrange transfer of care or a face-to-face visit.

### Remote Patient Monitoring:

Cigna recognizes remote patient monitoring, which is the use of digital technologies to monitor and capture medical data from patients and electronically transmit this information to healthcare providers for assessment:

- **Allowable codes:** 99091, 99453, 99454, 99457, 99458, 99473, 99474, G0322
- Detailed Medical Policy for Conditions Allowed via RPM

### Telehealth Medical:

#### *Allowable Services:*

See below table for allowable medical telehealth codes

#### **All of the following must also be met:**

- Services must be interactive and use both audio and video internet-based technologies, and would be reimbursed if the service was provided face-to-face
  - Video not required for synchronous audio only visit, CPT 98008-98015
- The patient or involved caregiver must be present on the receiving end and the service must occur in real time
- All technology used must be secure and meet or exceed federal and state privacy requirements
- A permanent record of online communications relevant to the ongoing medical care and follow-up is maintained as part of the record as if the service were provided as an in-office visit
- The permanent record must include documentation which identifies the virtual service delivery method. i.e.: audio/video or telephone only
- All services provided are medically appropriate and necessary
- The evaluation and management services (E/M) provided virtually must meet E/M criteria
- The patient's clinical condition is of low to moderate complexity, and while it may be an urgent encounter, it should not be an emergent clinical condition
- Virtual care services must be provided by a health care professional who is licensed, registered, or otherwise acting within the scope of his/her licensure.

#### **Excluded Services:**

- The virtual care service occurs on the same day as a face to face visit, when performed by the same provider and for the same condition.
- Transmission of digitalized data is considered integral to the procedure performed and is not separately reimbursable.
- Virtual care services billed within the post-operative period of a previously surgical procedure will be considered part of the global payment for the procedure.
- Services were performed via asynchronous communications systems (e.g., fax).

- Store and forward telecommunication, whether an appropriate virtual care modifier is appended to the procedure code or not.
- Patient communications are incidental to E/M services, counseling, or medical services, including, but not limited to reporting of test results and provision of educational materials.
- Administrative matters, including but not limited to, scheduling, registration, updating billing information, reminders, requests for medication refills or referrals, ordering of diagnostic studies, and medical history intake completed by the patient.
- No reimbursement will be made for any equipment used for virtual care communications.

#### **Audio Only:**

Synchronous audio only visit, CPT 98008-98015, are allowable

#### **Telehealth Behavioral Health:**

#### **Allowable Services:**

See below table for allowable medical telehealth codes.

#### **All of the following must also be met:**

- Services must be interactive and use audio and/or video internet-based technologies (synchronous communication), and would be reimbursed as if the service was provided face-to-face
- The patient and/or actively involved caregiver must be present on the receiving end
- All technology used must be secure and meet or exceed federal and state privacy requirements.
- A permanent record of online communications relevant to the ongoing care and follow-up is maintained as part of the medical record as if the service were provided as an in-office visit
- The permanent record must include documentation which identifies the virtual service delivery method. I.E.: audio/video or telephone only
- All services provided are medically appropriate and necessary
- The evaluation and management services (E/M) provided virtually must meet E/M criteria
- While some aspects of care in an acute setting may be rendered virtually, exclusively virtual services should be limited to situations when the clinical condition is low to moderate complexity and not the primary intervention for an emergent clinical condition.
- Virtual care services must be provided by a health care professional who is licensed, registered, or otherwise acting within the scope of his/her licensure.

#### **Excluded Services:**

- The virtual care service occurs on the same day as a face to face visit, when performed by the same provider and for the same condition.
- Transmission of digitalized data is considered integral to the procedure performed and is not separately reimbursable.
- Patient communications are incidental to E/M services, counseling, or medical services, including, but not limited to reporting of test results and provision of educational materials
- Administrative matters, including but not limited to, scheduling, registration, updating billing information, reminders, requests for medication refills or referrals, ordering of diagnostic studies, and medical history intake completed by the patient.
- No reimbursement will be made for the originating site of service fee or facility fee, unless otherwise mandated by state or federal law
- No reimbursement will be made for any equipment used for virtual care communications.

#### **Modifiers/POS:**

- **POS 02**
  - Do not bill POS 10 until further notice
- **Modifier 95, GT, GQ, 93 or FQ**

#### **Provider Type:**

Providers who are licensed, registered, or otherwise acting within the scope of their licensure may provide telehealth services.

#### **Transmission & Originating Site Fees:**

Cigna will not reimburse an originating site of service fee/facility fee for telehealth visits (HCPQS Q3014). Cigna will also not reimburse transmission fees; transmission of digitalized data is considered integral to the procedure performed and is not separately reimbursable.

### CIGNA MEDICAL ELIGIBLE VIRTUAL CODES

90951	90952	90953	90954	90955	90956	90957	90958	90959	90960	90961	90962	90963
90964	90965	90966	90967	90968	90969	90970	92507	92508	92521	92522	92523	92524
92601	92602	92603	92604	96040	96112	96113	96116	96156	96158	96159	96160	96161
96164	96165	96167	96168	97110	97112	97161	97162	97163	97164	97165	97166	97167
97168	97530	97755	97760	97761	97802	97803	97804	92202	92203	99204	99205	99211
99212	99213	99214	99215	99406	99407	99408	99409	99404	99411	99412	99495	99496
99497	99498	G0108	G0151	G0152	G0153	G0155	G0157	G0158	G0270	G0296	G0299	G0300
G0396	G0397	G0438	G0439	G0442	G0443	G0444	G0445	G0446	G0447	G0493	G0513	G0514
G2012	S9123	S9128	S9129	S9131	S9152	99446	99447	99448	99449	99451	99452	99091
99453	99454	99457	99458	99473	99474	99381	99382	99833	99384	99385	99386	99387
99391	99392	99393	99394	99395	99396	99397	99401	99402	99403	98000	98001	98002
98003	98004	98005	98006	98007	98008	98009	98010	98011	98012	98013	98014	98015

### NON-REIMBURSABLE CODES REGARDLESS OF MODIFIER

98966	98967	98968	98970	98971	98972	99421	99422	99423	G0406	G0407	G0408	G0425
G0426	G0427	G0459	G0508	G0509	G2025	Q3014	S0320	T1014				

### CIGNA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ELIGIBLE VIRTUAL CODES

90785	90791	90792	90832	90833	90834	90836	90837	90838	90839	90840	90845	90846
90847	90849	90853	90863	90875	90876	90880	96110	96127	916156	96158	96159	96164
96165	96167	96168	96170	96171	97151	97152	97153	97154	97155	97156	97157	97158
99058	99078	99202	99203	99204	99205	99211	99212	99213	99214	99215	99217	99218
99219	99220	99221	99222	99223	99224	99225	99226	99231	99232	99233	99234	99235
99236	99238	99239	99281	99282	99283	99284	99285	99304	99305	99306	99307	99308
99309	99310	99315	99316	99318	99324	99325	99326	99327	99328	99334	99335	99336
99337	99354	99335	99336	99337	93354	99355	99356	99357	99404	99408	99409	99415
99416	99417	H2011	S0201	S9480	99446	99447	99448	99449	99456	994484	99495	99496
0591T	0592T	G0410	H0015	H0035	H0038							

## Payor Specific Key Points

### E-Visits/Virtual Check Ins:

#### *Allowable Codes:*

- **E-Visits:** 99421-99423, 98970-98972, G2061-G2063
- **Virtual Check-In:** G2010, 98016

### Telehealth:

#### *Synchronous Telehealth Allowable Codes:*

See table below for specific codes.

- **Wellness Visits:** Medica will temporarily allow preventive care services, CPT 99381-99387 and 99391-99397, to be provided via telehealth services. Providers may perform all, or portions of, a preventive medicine visit that can be done so appropriately via telehealth services. Services that require face-to-face interaction may be provided later, however, providers may only bill one preventive medicine code to cover both the portion done via telehealth and any necessary face-to-face interaction associated with the preventive care service.
- **Behavioral Health:** Allowable services:
  - Services recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and
  - Services recognized by the American Medical Association (AMA) included in Appendix P of the CPT code set, and
  - Additional services identified by Optum behavioral health that can be effectively performed via Telehealth

#### *Store and Forward Telehealth:*

Medica allows asynchronous (store and forward) telehealth. Utilize modifier GQ. Medical information may include without limitation: video clips, still images, X-rays, MRIs, EKGs, laboratory results, audio clips and text. The physician at the distant site reviews the case without the member being present. Store and Forward substitutes for an interactive encounter with the member present (i.e., the member is not present in real-time).

#### *Modifiers/POS:*

- **POS** 02 or 10
- **Modifier** 95, 93, FQ, G0, GQ, or GT

#### *Provider Type:*

Audiologist, Certified Genetic Counselor, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Clinical Psychologist, Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Licensed Drug & Alcohol Counselor, Dentist, Nurse Midwife, Nurse Practitioner, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Physician, Physician Assistant, podiatrist, Registered Dietitian or Nutrition Professional, and Speech Therapist.

#### *Reimbursement:*

Reimbursement will be at the same rate as in-person face-to-face visits, refer to your Medica contract for allowable rates.

#### *Originating Sites:*

The following are examples of originating sites: Community mental health center, Critical-access hospital (CAH), End stage renal disease (ESRD) facilities, Home, Hospital (inpatient or outpatient), Hospital or CAH-based renal dialysis center (including satellites), Office of physician or practitioner, Other eligible medical facilities, Other locations as required by applicable state law, Residential substance abuse treatment facility, Rural health clinic (RHC) and federally qualified health center (FQHC), Skilled nursing facility (SNF)

#### *Transmission & Originating Site Fees:*

Transmission fees (HCPCS T1014) are not eligible for payment, however Medica will allow an originating site fee (HCPCS Q3014) to be billed by an originating site facility.

#### *Coverage Limitations:*

Provider initiated e-mail, refilling or renewing existing prescriptions, scheduling a diagnostic test or appointment, clarification of simple instructions or issues from a previous visit, reporting test results, reminders of scheduled office visits, requests for a referral, non-clinical communication, educational materials, brief follow-up of a medical procedure without indication of complication or new condition including, but not limited to, routine global surgical follow-up, brief discussion to confirm stability of the patient's without change in current treatment, when information is exchanged and the



patient is subsequently asked to come in for an office visit, a service that would similarly not be charged for in a regular office visit, consultative message exchanges with an individual who is seen in the provider's office immediately afterward, communication between two licensed health care providers that consists solely of a telephone conversation, email or facsimile, communications between a licensed health care provider and a patient that consists solely of an e-mail or facsimile

#### Audio Only:

Interactive audio and video communications that permit real-time communication between the distant site physician or practitioner and the member. The services must be of sufficient audio and visual fidelity with clarity and function equivalent to a face-to-face encounter

MEDICA ALLOWABLE TELEHEALTH CODES											
0362T	0373T	77427	90785*	90791*	90792*	90832*	90833*	90834*	90836*	90837*	90838*
90839*	90840*	90845*	90846*	90847*	90853*	90901	90951	90952	90953	90954	90955
90956	90957	90958	90959	90960	9061	90962	90963	90964	90965	90966	90967
90968	90969	90970	92002	92004	92012	92014	92507*	92521*	92522*	92523*	92524*
92526	92550	92552	92553	92555	92556	92557	92563	92565	92567	92568	92570
92587	92588	92601	92602	92603	92604	92607	92608	92609	92610	92625	92626
92627	93750	93797	93798	94002	94003	94004	94625	94626	94464	95970	95971
95972	95983	95984	96105	96112	96113	96116*	96121*	96125	96127*	96130*	96131*
96132*	96133*	96136*	96137*	96138*	96139*	96156*	96158*	96159*	96160*	96161*	96164*
96165*	96167*	96168*	97110	97112	97116	97129	97130	97150	97151	97152	97153
97154	97155	97156	97157	97158	97161	97162	97163	97164	97165	97166	97167
97168	97530	97535*	97537	97542	97750	97755	97760	97761	97763	97802*	97803*
97804*	98966*	98967*	98968*	99202	99203	99204	99205	99211	99212	99213	99214
99215	99221	99222	99223	99231	99232	99233	99234	99235	99236	99238	99239
99281	99284	99285	99291	9992	99304	99305	99306	99307	99308	99309	99310
99315	99316	99341	99342	99344	99345	99347	99348	99349	99350	99406*	99407*
G9685	G3003	G3002	99468	99469	99471	99472	99473	99475	99476	99477	99478
99479	99480	99483	99495	99496	99497*	99498*	G0108*	G0109*	G0270*	G0296*	G0317
G0318	G0396*	G0397*	G0406*	G0407*	G0408*	G0420*	G0421*	G0422	G0423	G0425*	G0426*
G0427*	G0438*	G0439*	G0442*	G0443*	G0444*	G0445*	G0446*	G0447*	G0459*	G0447*	G0459*
G0506*	G0508	G0509	G0513*	G0514*	G2086*	G2087*	G2088*	G2212*			
Codes With An * Can Be Performed via an Audio only (Telephone) or Audiovisual Connection											

MEDICA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TELEHEALTH CODES											
90785	90791	90792	90832	90833	90834	90836	90837	90838	90839	90480	90845
90846	90847	90853	99202	99203	99204	99205	99211	992212	99213	99214	99215
Covered Telehealth Services CPT Codes listed above are not intended as an exhaustive list of all relevant codes											

**Payor Specific Key Points:**

**E-Visits/ Virtual Check Ins:**

***Allowable Codes:***

**E-Visits:** 99421-99423, G2061-G2063

**Virtual Check-In:** G2010, 98016, G2250-G2252

***Modifiers:*** None

**Telehealth:**

***American Relief Act 2025:***

Extends certain telehealth flexibilities for Medicare patients through March 31st, 2025:

- Originating Site & Geographic Restriction waived
- Allows any health care provider who is eligible to bill Medicare for covered services to continue to provide and bill for telehealth services
- In person requirement for mental health services via telehealth waived
- Extension of FQHC/RHC to serve as originating site for non-behavioral/mental telehealth services

***Allowable Codes:***

*See table below for codes allowable via telehealth*

- For CY 2025, CMS will continue to allow the suspension of frequency limitations for subsequent inpatient visits, subsequent nursing facility visits, and critical care consultations

***Audio Only:***

Effective January 1, 2025, an interactive telecommunications system may include two-way, real-time, audio-only communication technology for any Medicare telehealth service furnished to a beneficiary in their home, if the distant site physician or practitioner is technically capable of using an interactive telecommunications system, but the patient is not capable of, or does not consent to, the use of video technology

***Consent:***

Providers may get patient consent at the same time they initially provide the services. Direct supervision isn't required to get consent. In general, auxiliary personnel under general supervision of the billing practitioner can get patient consent for these services.

***Hospital Based Providers:***

Hospitals and other providers of PT, OT, SLP, diabetes self-management training (DSMT) and medical nutrition therapy (MNT) services can continue to bill for telehealth services when provided remotely

- For outpatient hospitals, patients' homes no longer need to be registered as provider-based entities to allow for hospitals to bill for these services
- The 95 modifier is required on claims from all providers, except for Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) electing Method II (which utilize a GT modifier)

***Modifiers/POS:***

- **POS:**
  - 02 or 10
- **Modifier:**
  - Use modifier 95 when the clinician is in the hospital and the patient is in the home, as well as for outpatient therapy services provided via telehealth by qualified PTs, OTs, or SLPs through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025
- **Mental Health Claims:** POS 02 or 10
  - **Modifier 93** if performed over audio only
- **CAH Method II (UB) Claims:** Modifier GT

***Patient Location:***

Through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, there is not an originating site or geographic restriction

### ***Mental Health Place of Service:***

CMS permanently added a patient's home as an originating site for patients receiving mental health services via telehealth. "Home" includes temporary lodging. Must meet the following requirements:

- The provider (or another provider in the same practice and subspecialty) has conducted an in-person (non-telehealth) visit within 6 months
- After the initial tele-mental health visit, the provider must conduct an in-person visit at least once every 12 months
  - However, this visit is not required if the patient and provider consider the risks of an in-person visit and agree that the risks outweigh the benefits
  - Provider should document decision in the patient's medical record
- Through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, the initial 6 month visit and the in person visit every 12 month requirement is waived

### ***Provider Type:***

Physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurse midwives, certified nurse anesthetists, clinical psychologists, clinical social workers, registered dietitians, and nutrition professionals

- Through March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, any health care provider who is eligible to bill Medicare for covered services can provide and bill for telehealth services

### ***Provider Location:***

Through CY 2025, CMS will continue to permit distant site practitioners to use their currently enrolled practice locations instead of their home addresses when providing telehealth services from their home

### ***Reimbursement:***

When telehealth services are provided to people in their homes (POS 10), the service will be reimbursed at the non-facility rate. However, if the telehealth service is provided when the patient is not in their home, and POS 02 is utilized, then the service will be reimbursed at the facility rate.

### ***Rural Health Clinics & Federally Qualified Health Centers:***

See the RHC and FQHC section for specific billing regulations

### ***Supervision:***

Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 CMS permanently adopted a definition of direct supervision that allows the supervising physician or practitioner to provide such supervision via a virtual presence through real-time audio and visual interactive telecommunications. The supervising physician or practitioner may provide such virtual direct supervision:

- For services furnished incident to a physician or other practitioner's professional service, when provided by auxiliary personnel employed by the billing physician or supervising practitioner and working under his or her direct supervision, and for which the underlying HCPCS code has been assigned a PC/TC indicator of "5" and services described by CPT code 99211
- For office or other outpatient visits for the evaluation and management of an established patient who may not require the presence of a physician or other qualified health care professional

For all other services furnished incident to that require the direct supervision of the physician or other supervising practitioner, we are finalizing to continue to permit direct supervision be provided through real-time audio and visual interactive telecommunications technology only through December 31, 2025

### ***Teaching Physicians:***

CMS will allow teaching physicians to have a virtual presence for purposes of billing for services furnished involving residents in all teaching settings, but only in clinical instances when the service is furnished virtually (for example, a three-way telehealth visit, with the patient, resident, and teaching physician in separate locations) through December 31, 2025

- This virtual presence will continue to meet the requirement that the teaching physician be present for the key portion of the service

### ***Transmission/ Originating Site Fees:***

Medicare does not reimburse for transmission fees. If applicable, Medicare will reimburse an originating site fee (HCPCS Q3014)

# MEDICARE ELIGIBLE TELEHEALTH CODES

## 2025 Telehealth Codes

0362T	0373T	0591T	0592T	0593T	77427	90785	90791	90792	90832	90833	90834
90836	90837	90838	90839	90840	90845	90846	90847	90853	90875	90901	90951
90952	90953	90954	90955	90956	90957	90958	90959	90960	90961	90962	90963
90964	90965	90966	90967	90968	90969	90970	92002	92004	92012	92014	92507
92508	92521	92522	92523	92524	92526	92550	92552	92553	92555	92556	92557
92563	92565	92567	92568	92570	92587	92588	92601	92602	92603	92604	92607
92608	92609	92610	92625	92626	92627	93750	93797	93798	94002	94003	94004
94005	94625	94626	94664	95970	95971	95972	95983	95984	96105	96110	96112
96113	96116	96121	96125	96127	96130	96131	96132	96133	96136	96137	96138
96139	96156	96158	96159	96160	96161	96164	96165	96167	96168	96170	96171
97110	97112	97116	97129	97130	97150	97151	97152	97153	97154	97155	97156
97157	97158	97161	97162	97163	97164	97165	97166	97167	97168	97530	97535
97537	97542	97750	97755	97760	97761	97763	97802	97803	97804	98960	98961
98962	98966	98967	98968	99202	99203	99204	99205	99211	99212	99213	99214
99215	99221	99222	99223	99231	99232	99233	99234	99235	99236	99238	99239
99281	99282	99283	99284	99285	99291	99292	99304	99305	99306	99307	99308
99309	99310	99315	99316	99341	99342	99344	99345	99347	99348	99349	99350
99406	99407	97550	97551	97552	99468	99469	99471	99472	99473	99475	99476
99477	99478	99479	99480	99483	99495	99496	99497	99498	G0108	G0109	G0136
G0270	G0296	G0316	G0317	G0318	G0396	G0397	G0406	G0407	G0408	G0410	G0420
G0421	G0422	G0423	G0425	G0426	G0427	G0438	G0439	G0442	G0443	G0444	G0445
G0446	G0447	G0459	G0506	G0508	G0509	G0513	G0514	G2086	G2087	G2088	G2211
G2212	G3002	G3003	G9685	96202	96203	G0011	G00113	G0539	G0540	G0541	G0542
G0543	G0560										

**Payor Specific Key Points:****E-Visits/Telephone/Virtual Check Ins:*****Allowable Codes:***

- **E-Visits:** 99421-99423, 98970 -98972, G2061-G2063
- **Virtual Check-In:** G2010, G2012, G2250-G2252

***POS/Modifiers:***

- **POS** 02 or 10
- **Modifier** GT or 93

**Telehealth:*****Telehealth Requirements:***

To be eligible for reimbursement, the telehealth service must be delivered using:

- An interactive telecommunication system or
- A communication system where information exchanged between the provider and the patient during the synchronous telehealth service is of an amount and nature that would be sufficient to meet the key components and requirements of the same service when rendered via face-to-face interaction.

***Allowable Services:***

Medically necessary and clinically appropriate services covered under the Medical Assistance Program and provided in accordance with federal law and regulations may be provided via telehealth

***Audio Only:***

Evaluation and management services rendered by Physicians, Advance Practice Nurses, and Physician Assistants to new or existing patients using audio only telephonic equipment may be billed as a distant site telehealth service so long as the E/M service is of an amount and nature that would be sufficient to meet the key components of a face-to-face encounter.

If an audio only telephonic interaction cannot meet key components of a face-to-face encounter, the provider may instead seek reimbursement for virtual check-in services

***Modifiers/POS:***

- **POS** 02 or 10
- **Modifier:** GT or 93

***Patient Location:***

Any site that allows for the patient to use a communication or technology system may be an originating site, including a patient's place of residence located within the State of Illinois or other temporary location within or outside the State of Illinois

***Provider Type:***

The distant site provider must be a physician, physician assistant, podiatrist or advanced practice nurse who is licensed by the State of Illinois or by the state where the patient is located

- The provider must not be terminated, suspended, or barred from the Department's medical programs

***Reimbursement:***

Reimbursement for telehealth services will be made at the same rate paid for face-to-face services

***Transmission & Originating Site Fees:***

Illinois Medicaid recognizes the following as valid originating sites: physician's office, podiatrist's office, local health department, Community Mental Health Center, Encounter Rate Clinics, and outpatient hospital.

- Independent offices of a licensed clinical psychologist (LCP) or a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) are not eligible to receive a facility fee as an Originating Site

Originating site providers may submit claims for a facility fee for each telehealth service encounter using HCPCS Code Q3014/Telehealth Originating Site Facility Fee.

**Payor Specific Key Points:****E-Visits/Virtual Check Ins:*****Allowable Codes:***

- **E-Visits:** 98970-98972, 99421-99423
- **Virtual Check-In:** 98016, G2010, G2250-G2252

***POS/Modifier:***

POS utilized if visit would have in person and no modifier

**Remote Patient Monitoring Codes:*****Allowable Codes:***

- 98975-98978, 98980-98981, 99091, 99457, 99458, 99473-99474

***POS/Modifier:***

POS utilized if visit would have in person and no modifier

**Interprofessional Assessment Codes:*****Allowable Codes:***

- 99446-99449, 99451-99454, G9037, G0546-G0551

***POS/Modifier:***

POS utilized if visit would have in person and no modifier

**Telehealth:*****Allowable Codes:***

UHC will allow any services on the below lists:

- Services recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Services recognized by the American Medical Association (AMA) included in Appendix P of the CPT code set
- Additional services identified by UnitedHealthcare that can be effectively performed via Telehealth
  - See Telehealth Allowable Codes table below for UHC specified codes
- Consistent with CMS, UHC will not recognize CPT 98000-98015, as they are assigned to status code "I" on the NPFs Relative Value File, indicating another code (replacement code) is used to report the procedure or service and that replacement code has an assigned RVU

***Modifiers/POS:***

- **POS** 02 or 10
- **Modifiers**
  - **Audio/Video:** 95, GT, GQ, and G0 are not required to identify telehealth services but are accepted as informational if reported on claims
  - **Audio-Only:** 93

***Provider Type:***

Physician, nurse practitioner, physician assistant, nurse-midwife, clinical nurse specialist, registered dietitian or nutrition professional, clinical psychologist, clinical social worker, certified registered nurse anesthetists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speech therapists.

***Patient Location:***

UHC will recognize CMS designated originating sites considered eligible for furnishing telehealth services to a patient located in an originating site.

- Examples of CMS originating sites with a telepresenter: the office of a physician or practitioner, hospital, critical access hospital (CAH), rural health clinic (RHC), federally qualified health center (FQHC), hospital based renal dialysis center, skilled nursing facility (SNF), community mental health center (CMHC), mobile stroke unit, patient home-for monthly end stage renal, ESRD-related clinical assessments, for purposes of treatment of a substance use disorder or a co-occurring mental health disorder.
- UHC will also recognize home as an originating site for telehealth services (no telepresenter present)

### Transmission & Originating Site Fees:

UHC will allow the originating site to submit a claim for services of the telepresenter using HCPS Q3014. Note: Telehealth POS codes 02 and 10 do not apply to originating site facilities reporting code Q3014 and POS codes 02 and 10 should not be reported by an originating site facility if code Q3014 is reported. For POS where code Q3014 is reported, report the valid POS code reflecting the location of the patient. T1014 is not eligible for payment, UHC considers these services as incidental to the charges associated with the E/M.

### Audio Only Component:

Telehealth services must be performed over an audiovisual connection, unless audio only allowable code is utilized

- UHC will align with the AMA and will consider for reimbursement the services included in Appendix T of the CPT code set, which are appropriate for reporting real-time, interactive audio-only telehealth, when appended with modifier 93, and reported with POS 02 or 10.
- All PT/OT/ST Telehealth visits must be performed using live, interactive video conferencing that involves the presence of both parties at the same time and a communication link between them that allows a real-time audio and visual interaction to take place. E-mailing "stored" exercise videos and discussing or reviewing by phone is not reimbursable.

UHC ELIGIBLE TELEHEALTH CODES											
0362T	0373T	0591T	0592T	0593T	77427	90785	90791	90792	90832	90833	90834
90836	90837	90838	90839	90840	90845	90846	90847	90853	90863	90875	90901
90951	90952	90953	90954	90955	90956	90957	90958	90959	90960	90961	90962
90963	90964	90965	90966	90967	90968	90969	90970	92002	92004	92012	92014
92227	92228	92507	92508	92521	92522	92523	92524	92526	92550	92552	92553
92555	92556	92557	92563	92565	92567	92568	92570	92587	92588	92601	92602
92603	92604	92607	92608	92609	92610	92625	92626	92627	93228	93229	93268
93270	93271	93272	93750	93797	93798	94002	94003	94004	94005	94625	94626
94664	95970	95971	95972	95983	95984	96105	96110	96112	96113	96116	96121
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96159	96160	96161	96164	96165	96167	96168	96170	96171	96202	96203	97110
97112	97129	97130	97150	97151	97152	97153	97154	97155	97156	97157	97158
97161	97162	97163	97164	97165	97166	97167	97168	97530	97535	97537	97542
97550	97551	97552	97750	97755	97760	97761	97763	97802	97803	97804	98960
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99308	99309	99310	99315	99316	99341	99342	99344	99345	99347	99348	99349
99350	99406	99407	99408	99409	99417	99418	99468	99469	99471	99472	99473
99475	99476	99477	99478	99479	99480	99483	99495	99496	99497	99498	G0011
G0013	G0108	G0109	G0136	G0270	G0296	G0316	G0317	G0318	G0396	G0397	G0406
G0407	G0408	G0410	G0420	G0421	G0422	G0423	G0425	G0426	G0427	G0438	G0439
G0442	G0443	G0444	G0445	G0446	G0447	G0459	G0506	G0508	G0509	G0513	G0514
G0539	G0540	G0541	G0542	G0543	G0560	G2086	G2087	G2088	G2211	G2212	G3002
G3003	G9685										

PT/OT/ST											
92507	92521	92522	92523	92524	97110	97112	97116	97161	97162	97163	97164



97165	97166	97167	97168	97535	97750	97755	97760	97761			
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AUDIO ONLY CODES											
90785	90791	90792	90832	90833	90834	90836	90837	90838	90839	90840	90845
90846	90847	92507	92508	92521	92522	92523	92524	96041	96110	96116	96121
96156	96158	96159	96160	96161	96164	96165	96167	96168	96170	96171	97802
97803	97804	99406	99407	99408	99409	99497	99498				

# RURAL HEALTH CLINICS (RHC) FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CLINICS (FQHC)

## MEDICARE

### Payor Specific Key Points:

#### Virtual Check Ins/E-Visits:

##### *Virtual Check-Ins & E-Visits:*

RHC/FQHCs can perform E-Visits and Virtual Check Ins

- Utilize HCPCS G0071 if E-Visit or Virtual Check-In services are performed.
- **Reimbursement:** is set at the average of the national non-facility PFS payment rates for the E-visits and Virtual Check-In codes. For 2025 the rate is set at \$13.91
- **G0071:** Payment for communication technology-based services for 5 minutes or more of a virtual (non-face-to-face) communication between RHC or FQHC practitioner and RHC or FQHC patient, or 5 minutes or more of remote evaluation of recorded video and/or images by an RHC or FQHC

#### Care Coordination Services

Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 RHCs and FQHCs will report the individual CPT and HCPCS codes that describe care coordination services instead of the single HCPCS code G0511

- Add on codes associated with these services will also be allowed

CMS is allowing for a transition period of six-months, at least until July 1, 2025, to allow RHCs/FQHCs to update their billing systems

CARE COORDINATION SERVICES- RHC/FQHC											
99425	99426	99427	99437	99439	99453	99454	99457	99458	99474	99484	99487
99489	99490	99491	G0019	G0022	G0023	G0024	G0071	G0140	G0416	G0323	G0511
G0512	G0556	G0557	G0558	G3002	G3003						

#### Telehealth:

##### *RHC/FQHC Distant Site Provider Extension:*

Under the 2025 Medicare Physician Final Rule, RHCs and FQHCs can continue to bill for RHC and FQHC services furnished using telecommunication technology, including services furnished using audio-only communications technology through December 31, 2025

##### *Allowable Codes:*

RHCs/FQHCs can perform any service listed in the below telehealth allowable code set matrix, but must bill G2025

##### *Billing:*

- **HCPCS:** G2025
- **POS:** 02 or 10
- **Modifier:** FQ if provided via audio only
- **Mental Health Claims:** POS 02 or 10 and modifier FQ if performed via audio only

##### *Mental Health Services:*

- CMS will permanently allow mental health telehealth services performed by an RHC/FQHC
- The service must be either audio visual OR
- Audio-only if the following are present:
  - The patient is incapable of, or fails to consent to, the use of video technology for the service
  - The provider has conducted an in-person visit within the last 6 months of the initial tele-mental service
  - The services are medical necessary
  - After the initial telehealth visit, the provider conducts an in-person visit at least once every 12 months of each tele-mental visit.

- However, if the patient and provider consider the risks of an in person service and agree that these risks outweigh the benefits, then the annual visit may be skipped.
- Providers must document the decision
- Until January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, the initial 6 month visit and the in person visit every 12 month requirement is waived

#### **Provider Type:**

Physicians, Nurse practitioners (NPs), Physician assistants (PAs), Certified nurse-midwives (CNMs), Clinical psychologists (CPs), Clinical social workers (CSWs), Marriage and family therapists (MFTs), Mental health counselors (MHCs)

#### **Reimbursement:**

The RHC/FQHC telehealth payment rate is the average amount for all PFS telehealth services on the telehealth list, weighted by volume for those services reported under the PFS. For 2025 the rate is \$94.45

#### **Supervision:**

CMS will continue to allow direct supervision via interactive audio and video telecommunications and to extend the definition of “immediate availability” as including real-time audio and visual interactive telecommunications (excluding audio-only) through December 31, 2025

#### **Transmission/ Originating Site Fees:**

Medicare does not reimburse transmission fees. If applicable, Medicare will reimburse an originating site fee (HCPCS Q3014)

#### **Audio Only:**

Effective January 1, 2025, an interactive telecommunications system may include two-way, real-time, audio-only communication technology for any Medicare telehealth service furnished to a beneficiary in their home, if the distant site physician or practitioner is technically capable of using an interactive telecommunications system, but the patient is not capable of, or does not consent to, the use of video technology

MEDICARE ELIGIBLE TELEHEALTH SERVICES											
2025 Telehealth Codes											
0362T	0373T	0591T	0592T	0593T	77427	90785	90791	90792	90832	90833	90834
90836	90837	90838	90839	90840	90845	90846	90847	90853	90875	90901	90951
90952	90953	90954	90955	90956	90957	90958	90959	90960	90961	90962	90963
90964	90965	90966	90967	90968	90969	90970	92002	92004	92012	92014	92507
92508	92521	92522	92523	92524	92526	92550	92552	92553	92555	92556	92557
92563	92565	92567	92568	92570	92587	92588	92601	92602	92603	92604	92607
92608	92609	92610	92625	92626	92627	93750	93797	93798	94002	94003	94004
94005	94625	94626	94664	95970	95971	95972	95983	95984	96105	96110	96112
96113	96116	96121	96125	96127	96130	96131	96132	96133	96136	96137	96138
96139	96156	96158	96159	96160	96161	96164	96165	96167	96168	96170	96171
97110	97112	97116	97129	97130	97150	97151	97152	97153	97154	97155	97156
97157	97158	97161	97162	97163	97164	97165	97166	97167	97168	97530	97535
97537	97542	97750	97755	97760	97761	97763	97802	97803	97804	98960	98961
98962	98966	98967	98968	99202	99203	99204	99205	99211	99212	99213	99214
99215	99221	99222	99223	99231	99232	99233	99234	99235	99236	99238	99239
99281	99282	99283	99284	99285	99291	99292	99304	99305	99306	99307	99308
99309	99310	99315	99316	99341	99342	99344	99345	99347	99348	99349	99350
99406	99407	97550	97551	97552	99468	99469	99471	99472	99473	99475	99476
99477	99478	99479	99480	99483	99495	99496	99497	99498	G0108	G0109	G0136
G0270	G0296	G0316	G0317	G0318	G0396	G0397	G0406	G0407	G0408	G0410	G0420

G0421	G0422	G0423	G0425	G0426	G0427	G0438	G0439	G0442	G0443	G0444	G0445
G0446	G0447	G0459	G0506	G0508	G0509	G0513	G0514	G2086	G2087	G2088	G2211
G2212	G3002	G3003	G9685	96202	96203	G0011	G00113	G0539	G0540	G0541	G0542
G0543	G0560										

## MEDICAID

### **Payor Specific Key Points:**

#### **E-Visits/Telephone/Virtual Check Ins:**

##### ***Allowable Codes:***

- **E-Visits:** 99421-99423, 98970 -98972, G2061-G2063
- **Virtual Check-In:** G2010, G2012, G2250-G2252

##### ***POS/Modifiers:***

- **POS** 02 or 10
- **Modifier** GT or 93
- Virtual check-in and e-visit/online portal services must be submitted fee-for service without the T1015 encounter code

##### ***Reimbursement:***

FQHCs and RHCs will be reimbursed at the fee schedule rates (not their medical encounter rate) for virtual check-in and E-visit codes

#### **Telehealth:**

##### ***Telehealth Requirements:***

To be eligible for reimbursement, the telehealth service must be delivered using:

- An interactive telecommunication system or
- A communication system where information exchanged between the provider and the patient during the synchronous telehealth service is of an amount and nature that would be sufficient to meet the key components and requirements of the same service when rendered via face-to-face interaction.

##### ***Allowable Services:***

Medically necessary and clinically appropriate services covered under the Medical Assistance Program and provided in accordance with federal law and regulations may be provided via telehealth

##### ***Audio Only:***

Evaluation and management services rendered by Physicians, Advance Practice Nurses, and Physician Assistants to new or existing patients using audio only telephonic equipment may be billed as a distant site telehealth service so long as the E/M service is of an amount and nature that would be sufficient to meet the key components of a face-to-face encounter.

If an audio only telephonic interaction cannot meet key components of a face-to-face encounter, the provider may instead seek reimbursement for virtual check-in services

##### ***Modifiers/POS:***

- **POS** 02 or 10
- **Modifier:** GT or 93

##### ***Patient Location:***

Any site that allows for the patient to use a communication or technology system may be an originating site, including a patient's place of residence located within the State of Illinois or other temporary location within or outside the State of Illinois

##### ***Provider Type:***

The distant site provider must be a physician, physician assistant, podiatrist or advanced practice nurse who is licensed by the State of Illinois or by the state where the patient is located

- The provider must not be terminated, suspended, or barred from the Department's medical programs

**Reimbursement:**

Reimbursement for telehealth services will be made at the same rate paid for face-to-face services

**Transmission/ Originating Site Fees**

Illinois Medicaid recognizes the following as valid originating sites: physician's office, podiatrist's office, local health department, Community Mental Health Center, Encounter Rate Clinics, and outpatient hospital.

- Independent offices of a licensed clinical psychologist (LCP) or a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) are not eligible to receive a facility fee as an Originating Site

Originating site providers may submit claims for a facility fee for each telehealth service encounter using HCPCS Code Q3014/Telehealth Originating Site Facility Fee.

## HIPAA COMPLIANT SOFTWARE

As of the end of the COVID PHE in May of 2023, all payors require a HIPAA compliant software

## REFERENCES & RESOURCES

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