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Telemedicine Billing Guidelines FQHC & RHC - COVID-19

We are providing billing guidelines clarity to FQHCs and RHCs when billing for Telemedicine for any covered service.

Billing for Telemedicine Services

Are there any special coding requirements for Telemedicine claims?

- Yes. The service must be rendered in conformance with the full description of the procedure code and to the extent that it would have been rendered if the visit had occurred in-person at an enrolled site.
- Providers should bill for the service as if they were provided face-to-face and in accordance with the MA [fee schedule](#). Services rendered through telemedicine will be paid at the same rate as if they were rendered in-person at an enrolled location
- Please submit claims using the current applicable CPT/HCPCS code:
 - Facility Claims UB-04: Bill with GT Modifier in addition to other applicable modifiers
 - Professional Claims CMS 1500: Bill with GT Modifier (in addition to other applicable modifiers)

Additional Telemedicine billing guidance for FQHCs and RHCs

- FQHC's and RHC's can bill for Telemedicine services and should submit their claims with HCPCS code T1015 plus any additional appropriate CPT/HCPCS codes to reflect the services provided
- All claims for Telemedicine services rendered should be billed with the GT modifier appended with the T1015
- FQHC's and RHC's should use Place of Service 50 or 72

Additional COVID-19 CMS/DHS/CDC guidance & resources

Please see the links below for guidance on COVID- 19.

COVID-19: New ICD-10-CM Code and Interim Coding Guidance

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics will implement a new ICD-10-CM diagnosis code for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), effective with the next update on October 1.

https://www.cms.gov/outreach-and-education/outreachffsprovpartprogprovider-partnership-email-archive/2020-02-27#_Toc33530673

Interim coding guidance that is specific to the Covid-19 virus

<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/icd/ICD-10-CM-Official-Coding-Gudance-Interim-Advice-coronavirus-feb-20-2020.pdf>

DHS Provider Coronavirus Resources

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Pages/Coronavirus-Provider-Resources.aspx>

Telemedicine Guidelines Related to COVID-19

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Providers/Documents/Coronavirus%202020/OPS%20Memo%2003-2020-003.pdf>

DHS COVID-19 Quick Tips

<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/providers/Quick-Tips/Pages/default.aspx>

Enforcement Discretion for telehealth remote communications COVID-19

The Notification of Enforcement Discretion on telehealth remote communications may be found at: <https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/special-topics/emergency-preparedness/index.html>.

For more information on HIPAA and COVID-19, see OCR's February 2020 Bulletin: <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/february-2020-hipaa-and-novel-coronavirus.pdf>

If you have any questions regarding COVID-19 related services or coding, just call your Provider Relations Rep or Provider Services at 1-866-638-1232.