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Medicare Expanded Telehealth 1135 Waiver Quick Fact Sheet

- Temporarily eliminates the requirement that the originating site must be a physician’s office or another authorized healthcare facility and allows Medicare to pay for telehealth services when beneficiaries are in their homes.
- Allows use of telephones that have audio and video capabilities for the furnishing of Medicare telehealth services during the COVID-19 PHE.
- Waives penalties for HIPAA violations against healthcare providers that serve patients in good faith through everyday communications technologies such as FaceTime or Skype during the COVID-19 PHE.
- Claim should reflect the designated Place of Service code 02-Telehealth, to indicate the billed services were furnished as a professional telehealth service from a distant site.
- Telehealth services are NOT limited to services for patients with COVID-19. The statutory provision broadens telehealth flexibility without regard to diagnosis of the patient.
- These telehealth visits can be used as a valid face-to-face encounter for patients that qualify for home health. *Home health nurse will visit the patient after a referral, not during the telehealth visit.*

Summary of Medicare Telemedicine Services

TYPE OF SERVICE	WHAT IS THE SERVICE?	HCPCS/CPT CODE	Patient Relationship with Provider
MEDICARE TELEHEALTH VISITS	A visit with a provider that uses telecommunication systems between a provider and a patient.	Common telehealth services include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 99201-99215 (Office or other outpatient visits) • G0425-G0427 (Telehealth consultations, emergency department or initial inpatient) • G0406-G0408 (Follow-up inpatient telehealth consultations furnished to beneficiaries in hospitals or SNFs) For a complete list: https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-General-Information/Telehealth/Telehealth-Codes	For new* or established patients. *To the extent the 1135 waiver requires an established relationship, HHS will not conduct audits to ensure that such a prior relationship existed for claims submitted during this public health emergency
VIRTUAL CHECK-IN	A brief (5-10 minutes) check in with your practitioner via telephone or other telecommunications device to decide whether an office visit or other service is needed. A remote evaluation of recorded video and/or images submitted by an established patient.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCPCS code G2012 • HCPCS code G2010 	For established patients.
E-VISITS	A communication between a patient and their provider through an online patient portal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 99421 • 99422 • 99423 • G2061 • G2062 • G2063 	For established patients.

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