

ONLINE APPENDIXES

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**Mandated report:
Telehealth services and
the Medicare program**

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Characteristics of commercial insurance plans included in MedPAC's analysis

**TABLE
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Characteristics of 48 commercial insurance plans included in MedPAC's analysis

Member enrollment size		Service area scope		Profit status		Commercial line of business		System type	
Small	16	Local	14	For profit	24	Commercial	36	Insurer	34
Medium	10	Statewide	13	Nonprofit	24	FEHBP	12	Insurer and provider of care	3
Large	10	Regional	16					Integrated delivery system	11
Unknown	12	National	5						
Total									48

Note: FEHBP (Federal Employees Health Benefits Program).

Source: MedPAC analysis.

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**CMS–approved telehealth codes
under the Medicare
physician fee schedule**

**TABLE
16-B1****List of CPT and HCPCS codes approved by CMS for telehealth use
under the Medicare physician fee schedule for 2017**

Code	Short descriptor
90785	Interactive complexity
90791	Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation
90792	Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation with medical services
90832	Psychotherapy, 30 minutes with patient and/or family member
90833	Psychotherapy, 30 minutes with patient and/or family member when performed with an evaluation and management service
90834	Psychotherapy, 45 minutes with patient and/or family member
90836	Psychotherapy, 45 minutes with patient and/or family member when performed with an evaluation and management service
90837	Psychotherapy, 60 minutes with patient and/or family member
90838	Psychotherapy, 60 minutes with patient and/or family member when performed with an evaluation and management service
90839	Psychotherapy for crisis (first 60 minutes)
90840	Psychotherapy for crisis (each additional 30 minutes)
90845	Psychoanalysis
90846	Family psychotherapy (without patient present)
90847	Family psychotherapy (conjoint psychotherapy) with patient present
90951, 90954, 90957, 90960	ESRD-related services monthly, to include monitoring for nutrition adequacy, growth and development assessment, and parental counseling, with 4 or more face-to-face visits by a physician or other qualified health professional per month
90952, 90955, 90958, 90961	ESRD-related services with 2–3 face-to-face visits by a physician or other qualified health care professional
90963– 90966	ESRD home dialysis services, per full month
90967– 90970	ESRD services for dialysis less than a full month of service, per day
96116	Neurobehavioral status exam, per hour of the psychologist's or physician's time, both face-to-face time with the patient and time interpreting test results and preparing the report
96150	Health and behavior assessment, each 15 minutes face-to-face with the patient, initial assessment
96151	Health and behavior re-assessment
96152– 96154	Health and behavior intervention, each 15 minutes, face-to-face; individual, group, family
96160	Administration of patient-focused health risk assessment instrument with scoring and documentation, per standardized instrument
96161	Administration of caregiver-focused health risk assessment instrument for the benefit of the patient, with scoring and documentation, per standardized instrument
97802	Medical nutrition therapy, initial assessment and intervention, individual, face-to-face with patient, 15 minutes
97803	Medical nutrition therapy, re-assessment and intervention, individual, face-to-face with patient, each 15 minutes
97804	Medical nutrition therapy, re-assessment and intervention, group, face-to-face with patient, each 15 minutes
99091	Collection and interpretation of physiologic data digitally stored and/or transmitted by the patient and/or caregiver to the physician or other qualified health professional, qualified by education, training, licensure/regulation requiring a minimum of 30 minutes of time
99201– 99205	Office or other outpatient visit for new patient
99211– 99215	Office or outpatient visit for established patient
99231– 99233	Subsequent hospital care, per day

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99307– 99310	Nursing facility care subsequent, per day
99354	Prolonged evaluation and management or psychotherapy services in outpatient setting requiring direct patient contact beyond the usual service
99355	Prolonged office visit, each additional 30 minutes
99356	Prolonged service inpatient or observation setting, requiring unit/floor time beyond the usual service
99357	Prolonged service inpatient, each additional 30 minutes
99406	Smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling visit, intermediate, greater than 3 minutes up to 10 minutes
99407	Smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling visit, intensive, greater than 10 minutes
99495	Transitional care management services, 14 day discharge
99496	Transitional care management services, 7 day discharge
99497	Advanced care planning by physician or other health care professional, first 30 minutes
99498	Advanced care planning by physician or other health care professional, each additional 30 minutes
G0108	Diabetes outpatient self-management training services, individual, per 30 minutes
G0109	Diabetes outpatient self-management training services, group, per 30 minutes
G0270	Medical nutrition therapy, re-assessment and subsequent interventions following second referral in same year, individual, each 15 minutes
G0296	Counseling visit to discuss need for lung cancer screening using low-dose CT scan (LDCT)
G0396	Alcohol/substance (other than tobacco) abuse structured and brief intervention, 15–30 minutes
G0397	Alcohol/substance (other than tobacco) abuse structured and brief intervention, greater than 30 minutes
G0406	Follow-up inpatient consultation, physician spends 15 minutes communicating with patient via telehealth
G0407	Follow-up inpatient consultation, physician spends 25 minutes communicating with patient via telehealth
G0408	Follow-up inpatient consultation, physician spends 35 minutes communicating with patient via telehealth
G0420	Face-to-face educational services related to chronic kidney disease care, individual, per session, per one hour
G0421	Face-to-face educational services related to chronic kidney disease care, group, per session, per one hour
G0425	Telehealth consultation, ED or initial inpatient, 30 minutes communicating with patient via telehealth
G0426	Telehealth consultation, ED or initial inpatient, 50 minutes communicating with patient via telehealth
G0427	Telehealth consultation, ED or initial inpatient, 70 minutes communicating with patient via telehealth
G0436	Smoking and tobacco cessation counseling visit for the asymptomatic patient, intermediate, greater than 3 minutes, up to 10 minutes
G0437	Smoking and tobacco cessation counseling for the asymptomatic patient, intensive, greater than 10 minutes
G0438	Annual wellness visit, initial visit
G0439	Annual wellness visit, subsequent visit
G0442	Annual alcohol misuse screening, 15 minutes
G0443	Brief face-to-face behavioral counseling for alcohol misuse, 15 minutes
G0444	Annual depression screening, 15 minutes
G0445	High intensity behavioral counseling to prevent sexually transmitted infection, face-to-face, individual, semi-annual, 30 minutes
G0446	Annual face-to-face intensive behavioral therapy for cardiovascular disease, individual, 15 minutes
G0447	Face-to-face behavioral counseling for obesity, 15 minutes
G0459	Inpatient telehealth pharmacologic management and medication review with more than minimal medical psychotherapy
G0506	Comprehensive assessment of and care planning for patients requiring chronic care management services
G0508	Telehealth consultation, critical care, initial, physician spends 60 minutes with patient and providers via telehealth
G0509	Telehealth consultation, critical care, initial, physician spends 50 minutes with patient and providers via telehealth

Note: CPT (Current Procedural Terminology), HCPCS (Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System), ESRD (end-stage renal disease), ED (emergency department), STI (sexually transmitted infection).

Source: CMS