

Using Home Health/Telehealth to Stabilize Your At-Risk Patients

(YOUR AGENCY) is ready to assist you to use **TELEHEALTH** to initiate care and receive full reimbursement equivalent to a Clinic Visit (up to \$582/patient).

Process for Identifying Patients

1. Identify all your Medicare Patients who have a higher risk of hospitalization due to pre-existing conditions
2. Refer those patients to our Home Health Care Team using standard orders
3. Provide us with a means to communicate with you via web-cam
 - a. Facetime equipped cellphone number
 - b. Skype (app or computer) username
4. Our nurse will initiate a video conference with you when they arrive at the patient's home or according to a prescheduled time (just let our intake team know!)
5. Conduct a routine visit with your patient, using our nurse to give you vital signs
6. Sign our Face to Face Certification
7. Bill Medicare using the following CPT codes

TYPE OF SERVICE	WHAT IS THE SERVICE	HCPSCS/CPT CODE	Patient Relationship with Provider
MEDICARE TELEHEALTH VISITS	A visit with a provider that uses telecommunication systems between a provider and a patient.	<p>Common telehealth services include: 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</p>	<p>For new* or established patients.</p> <p>*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</p>

8. Providers will be paid at the same rate as an IN PERSON/IN FACILITY visit (approximately \$420)
9. If a patient is placed on Home Health Services you may also bill for:
 - a. Care Plan oversight G0181 \$108.85
 - b. Plan of Care Review G0180 \$54.06

Telehealth Benefits

- a. Patients are serviced and exposure risk to Covid-19 is reduced
- b. High risk patients remain safely in their home
- c. Your practice is not inundated with unnecessary visits
- d. Your practice is reimbursed by Medicare up to \$582.91 per patient for DOING THE RIGHT THING!

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, THE MEDICARE PROVIDER FACT SHEET CAN BE FOUND AT LINK BELOW

<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/medicare-telemedicine-health-care-provider-fact-sheet>

Notable excerpt from this CMS Bulletin

- *Effective for services starting March 6, 2020 and for the duration of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, Medicare will make payment for Medicare telehealth services furnished to patients in broader circumstances.*
- *These visits are considered the same as in-person visits and are paid at the same rate as regular, in-person visits.*