

Quick Reference to Telemedicine Guidelines in the Georgia Workers' Compensation Medical Fee Schedule

Effective April 1, 2020, the Georgia State Board of Workers' Compensation (SBWC) is providing guidance for the provision of select services via telemedicine during the COVID-19 pandemic. The national and state health guidelines for limiting COVID-19 exposure recommend social distancing and avoiding all but essential public contact. Therefore, telemedicine is encouraged as a way to protect injured workers and healthcare providers from exposure to the coronavirus during medical appointments that do not require emergency treatment at a time when the health care system is over-extended.

The guidance regarding telemedicine is subject to change at any time at the discretion of the SBWC. Reimbursement rates for telemedicine services prior to April 1, 2020, should be negotiated between the parties. For negotiation assistance, refer to the reimbursement rates in the 2019 Medical Fee Schedule that were in effect on the date of service.

The procedure codes listed below are eligible to be provided via telemedicine if the patient is non-emergent and when the healthcare provider and the patient agree to the medical appointment being handled via telemedicine. These procedure codes are designated with a ★ in the Georgia Medical Fee Schedule. The maximum allowable reimbursement for telemedicine services shall be the lesser of billed charges or the professional maximum allowable reimbursement (PROF MAR) amount as listed in the fee schedule.

Modifier 95 should be appended when reporting services provided via telemedicine. See page 11.

95 Synchronous Telemedicine Service Rendered Via a Real-Time Interactive Audio and Video Telecommunications System

Synchronous telemedicine service is defined as a real-time interaction between a physician or other qualified health care professional and a patient who is located at a distant site from the physician or other qualified health care professional. The totality of the communication of information exchanged between the physician or other qualified health care professional and the patient during the course of the synchronous telemedicine service must be of an amount and nature that would be sufficient to meet the key components and/or requirements of the same service when rendered via a face-to-face interaction. Modifier 95 may only be appended to the services listed in Appendix P of CPT 2020. Appendix P is the list of CPT codes for services that are typically performed face-to-face, but may be rendered via a real-time (synchronous) interactive audio and video telecommunications system.

Evaluation and Management Services

CPT Code	Description
99201	OFFICE OUTPATIENT NEW 10 MINUTES
99202	OFFICE OUTPATIENT NEW 20 MINUTES
99203	OFFICE OUTPATIENT NEW 30 MINUTES
99204	OFFICE OUTPATIENT NEW 45 MINUTES
99205	OFFICE OUTPATIENT NEW 60 MINUTES
99211	OFFICE OUTPATIENT VISIT 5 MINUTES
99212	OFFICE OUTPATIENT VISIT 10 MINUTES
99213	OFFICE OUTPATIENT VISIT 15 MINUTES
99214	OFFICE OUTPATIENT VISIT 25 MINUTES
99215	OFFICE OUTPATIENT VISIT 40 MINUTES
99231	SBSQ HOSPITAL CARE/DAY 15 MINUTES
99232	SBSQ HOSPITAL CARE/DAY 25 MINUTES
99233	SBSQ HOSPITAL CARE/DAY 35 MINUTES
99241	OFFICE CONSULTATION NEW/ESTAB PATIENT 15 MIN
99242	OFFICE CONSULTATION NEW/ESTAB PATIENT 30 MIN
99243	OFFICE CONSULTATION NEW/ESTAB PATIENT 40 MIN
99244	OFFICE CONSULTATION NEW/ESTAB PATIENT 60 MIN
99245	OFFICE CONSULTATION NEW/ESTAB PATIENT 80 MIN
99251	INITIAL INPATIENT CONSULT NEW/ESTAB PT 20 MIN
99252	INITIAL INPATIENT CONSULT NEW/ESTAB PT 40 MIN
99253	INITIAL INPATIENT CONSULT NEW/ESTAB PT 55 MIN
99254	INITIAL INPATIENT CONSULT NEW/ESTAB PT 80 MIN
99255	INITIAL INPATIENT CONSULT NEW/ESTAB PT 110 MIN
99307	SBSQ NURSING FACILITY CARE/DAY E/M STABLE 10 MIN
99308	SBSQ NURSING FACIL CARE/DAY MINOR COMPLJ 15 MIN
99309	SBSQ NURSING FACIL CARE/DAY NEW PROBLEM 25 MIN
99310	SBSQ NURS FACIL CARE/DAY UNSTABL/NEW PROB 35 MIN
99354	PROLNG E&M/PSYCTX SVC OFFICE O/P DIR CON 1ST HR
99355	PROLNG E&M/PSYCTX SVC OFFICE O/P DIR CON ADDL 30
99406	TOBACCO USE CESSATION INTERMEDIATE 3-10 MINUTES
99407	TOBACCO USE CESSATION INTENSIVE >10 MINUTES
99408	ALCOHOL/SUBSTANCE SCREEN & INTERVEN 15-30 MIN
99409	ALCOHOL/SUBSTANCE SCREEN & INTERVENTION >30 MIN
99495	TRANSITIONAL CARE MANAGE SRVC 14 DAY DISCHARGE
99496	TRANSITIONAL CARE MANAGE SRVC 7 DAY DISCHARGE

Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy Services

CPT Code	Description
92521	EVALUATION OF SPEECH FLUENCY (STUTTER CLUTTER)
92522	EVALUATION OF SPEECH SOUND PRODUCTION ARTICULATE
92523	EVAL SPEECH SOUND PRODUCT LANGUAGE COMPREHENSION
92524	BEHAVIORAL & QUALIT ANALYSIS VOICE AND RESONANCE
96105	ASSESSMENT APHASIA W/INTERP & REPORT PER HOUR
97161	PHYSICAL THERAPY EVALUATION LOW COMPLEX 20 MINS
97162	PHYSICAL THERAPY EVALUATION MOD COMPLEX 30 MINS
97163	PHYSICAL THERAPY EVALUATION HIGH COMPLEX 45 MINS
97164	PHYSICAL THERAPY RE-EVAL EST PLAN CARE 20 MINS
97165	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EVAL LOW COMPLEX 30 MINS

CPT Code	Description
97166	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EVAL MOD COMPLEX 45 MINS
97167	OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EVAL HIGH COMPLEX 60 MINS
97168	OCCUPATIONAL THER RE-EVAL EST PLAN CARE 30 MINS

General Medicine Services

CPT Code	Description
90791	PSYCHIATRIC DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION
90792	PSYCHIATRIC DIAGNOSTIC EVAL W/MEDICAL SERVICES
90832	PSYCHOTHERAPY W/PATIENT 30 MINUTES
90833	PSYCHOTHERAPY W/PATIENT W/E&M SRVCS 30 MIN
90834	PSYCHOTHERAPY W/PATIENT 45 MINUTES
90836	PSYCHOTHERAPY W/PATIENT W/E&M SRVCS 45 MIN
90837	PSYCHOTHERAPY W/PATIENT 60 MINUTES
90838	PSYCHOTHERAPY W/PATIENT W/E&M SRVCS 60 MIN
90845	PSYCHOANALYSIS
90846	FAMILY PSYCHOTHERAPY W/O PATIENT PRESENT 50 MINS
90847	FAMILY PSYCHOTHERAPY W/PATIENT PRESENT 50 MINS
90863	PHARMACOLOGIC MANAGEMENT W/PSYCHOTHERAPY
96040	MEDICAL GENETICS COUNSELING EACH 30 MINUTES
96116	NEUROBEHAVIORAL STATUS XM PHYS/QHP 1ST HOUR
96156	HEALTH BEHAVIOR ASSESSMENT/RE-ASSESSMENT
96158	HEALTH BEHAVIOR IVNTJ INDIV F2F 1ST 30 MIN
96159	HEALTH BEHAVIOR IVNTJ INDIV F2F EA ADDL 15 MIN
97802	MEDICAL NUTRITION ASSMT&IVNTJ INDIV EACH 15 MI
97803	MEDICAL NUTRITION RE-ASSMT&IVNTJ INDIV EA 15 M
97804	MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY GRP2/ INDIV EA 30 MI
98960	EDUCATION&TRAINING SELF-MGMT NONPHYS 1 PT
98961	EDUCATION&TRAINING SELF-MGMT NONPHYS 2-4 PTS
98962	EDUCATION&TRAINING SELF-MGMT NONPHYS 5-8 PTS

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