

COVID-19



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CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION

UPDATE ON COVID-19 EPIDEMIC - MARCH 19, 2020

We want to reassure everyone that we are still on the right page and nothing has changed regarding the expanded telehealth rules since yesterday's announcements.

Update on Expanded Telehealth Rules

As more and more people become infected with coronavirus, keeping our practices open and caring for our patients is becoming increasingly difficult. CMS has responded to this issue by waiving the Medicare restrictions with new COVID-19 Telehealth Rules. Beginning on March 6, 2020, Medicare, administered by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), will temporarily pay clinicians to provide telehealth services for beneficiaries residing across the entire country.

Providing services virtually will help you treat more patients with fewer staff, prevent virus spread, and protect the health of your entire team. With these new rules, Medicare (and some private payers) are paying for non-face-to-face services (even in non-emergency areas). However, you must know how to accurately code for telemedicine (99213) and virtual care services (G2010, G2012). The following links provide current and trustworthy information to help you implement telehealth in your practice:

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

FAQ sheet on the expanded use of telehealth: <https://edit.cms.gov/files/document/medicare-telehealth-frequently-asked-questions-faqs-31720.pdf>

Billing and coding information from the AMA (click on the Policy, Coding, and Payment tab):
<https://www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/digital/ama-quick-guide-telemedicine-practice>

General Info

[CMS wants everyone to stop elective surgeries to decrease spread and to preserve PPE.](#)

[CMS Adult Elective Surgery and Procedures Recommendations](#)

[Imperial college London's mitigation versus suppression strategy and the impact based on certain plausible assumptions.](#)

Additional information and past updates from ASIPP:

[ASIPP COVID-19 STATEMENT](#) - March 16

[Update on COVID-19](#) – March 17

[Update on Telehealth, etc.](#) – March 18

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at asipp@asipp.org

Be encouraged, stay positive, and do all you can to remain healthy!