

COFFEE & CODING

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What's changed in telehealth services?

The other day, another coder asked me whether post-operative services could be performed under telehealth. It occurred to me that there are probably more coders with the same questions. So, we're devoting this week's Coffee & Coding to answers.

The short answer to the coder's specific question: No. For Post-op 99024, the global period isn't covered for in-person visits, so neither will it be covered for telehealth visits.

Longer answer to more general questions: Telehealth services have evolved from the early days of COVID-19. As the pandemic has receded, some services are no longer needed. For the past year, CMS has been dropping hints that changes were coming, and in October they came. In fact, telehealth was heavily affected by changes for 2024. As we noted in an earlier edition of Coffee & Coding, previously covered audio-only visits have mostly (but, as you'll notice below, not entirely) been excluded.

We also know that telehealth is under increased scrutiny by payors, and you'll need to include very specific criteria in the documentation to support a telehealth visit.

With that in mind, and so you can readily answer questions from your fellow providers and coders about what telehealth services are covered, here's the complete list for 2024.



LIST OF MEDICARE TELEHEALTH SERVICES effective January 1, 2024 - updated November 13, 2023				
	HCP	Short Descriptor	Can Audio-Only Interaction Meet the Requirements?	Category
1	0362T	Bhv id suprt asmt ea 15 min	No	provisional
2	0373T	Adapt bhv tx ea 15 min	No	provisional
3	0591T	Hlth&wb coaching indiv 1st	Yes	provisional
4	0592T	Hlth&wb coaching indiv f-up	Yes	provisional
5	0593T	Hlth&wb coaching indiv group	Yes	provisional
6	77427	Radiation tx management x5	No	provisional
7	90785	Psytx complex interactive	Yes	permanent
8	90791	Psych diagnostic evaluation	Yes	permanent
9	90792	Psych diag eval w/med srvc	Yes	permanent
10	90832	Psytx w pt 30 minutes	Yes	permanent
11	90833	Psytx w pt w e/m 30 min	Yes	permanent
12	90834	Psytx w pt 45 minutes	Yes	permanent
13	90836	Psytx w pt w e/m 45 min	Yes	permanent
14	90837	Psytx w pt 60 minutes	Yes	permanent
15	90838	Psytx w pt w e/m 60 min	Yes	permanent
16	90839	Psytx crisis initial 60 min	Yes	permanent
17	90840	Psytx crisis ea addl 30 min	Yes	permanent
18	90845	Psychoanalysis	Yes	permanent
19	90846	Family psytx w/o pt 50 min	Yes	permanent
20	90847	Family psytx w/pt 50 min	Yes	permanent
21	90853	Group psychotherapy	Yes	permanent
22	90875	Psychophysiological therapy	No	provisional
23	90901	Biofeedback train any meth	No	provisional
24	90951	Esrd serv 4 visits p mo <2yr	No	permanent
25	90952	Esrd serv 2-3 vsts p mo <2yr	No	permanent
26	90953	Esrd serv 1 visit p mo <2yrs	No	provisional
27	90954	Esrd serv 4 vsts p mo 2-11	No	permanent
28	90955	Esrd srv 2-3 vsts p mo 2-11	No	permanent
29	90956	Esrd srv 1 visit p mo 2-11	No	provisional
30	90957	Esrd srv 4 vsts p mo 12-19	No	permanent
31	90958	Esrd srv 2-3 vsts p mo 12-19	No	permanent
32	90959	Esrd serv 1 vst p mo 12-19	No	provisional
33	90960	Esrd srv 4 visits p mo 20+	No	permanent
34	90961	Esrd srv 2-3 vsts p mo 20+	No	permanent
35	90962	Esrd serv 1 visit p mo 20+	No	provisional
36	90963	Esrd home pt serv p mo <2yrs	No	permanent
37	90964	Esrd home pt serv p mo 2-11	No	permanent
38	90965	Esrd home pt serv p mo 12-19	No	permanent
39	90966	Esrd home pt serv p mo 20+	No	permanent
40	90967	Esrd svc pr day pt <2	No	permanent
41	90968	Esrd svc pr day pt 2-11	No	permanent
42	90969	Esrd svc pr day pt 12-19	No	permanent
43	90970	Esrd svc pr day pt 20+	No	permanent
44	92002	Eye exam new patient	No	provisional
45	92004	Eye exam new patient	No	provisional
46	92012	Eye exam establish patient	No	provisional
47	92014	Eye exam&tx estab pt 1/>vst	No	provisional
48	92507	Speech/hearing therapy	Yes	provisional
49	92508	Speech/hearing therapy	Yes	provisional
50	92521	Evaluation of speech fluency	Yes	provisional

51	92522	Evaluate speech production	Yes	provisional
52	92523	Speech sound lang comprehen	Yes	provisional
53	92524	Behavral qualit analys voice	Yes	provisional
54	92526	Oral function therapy	No	provisional
55	92550	Tympanometry & reflex thresh	No	provisional
56	92552	Pure tone audiometry air	No	provisional
57	92553	Audiometry air & bone	No	provisional
58	92555	Speech threshold audiometry	No	provisional
59	92556	Speech audiometry complete	No	provisional
60	92557	Comprehensive hearing test	No	provisional
61	92563	Tone decay hearing test	No	provisional
62	92565	Stenger test pure tone	No	provisional
63	92567	Tympanometry	No	provisional
64	92568	Acoustic refl threshold tst	No	provisional
65	92570	Acoustic immitance testing	No	provisional
66	92587	Evoked auditory test limited	No	provisional
67	92588	Evoked auditory tst complete	No	provisional
68	92601	Cochlear implt f/up exam <7	No	provisional
69	92602	Reprogram cochlear implt <7	No	provisional
70	92603	Cochlear implt f/up exam 7/>	No	provisional
71	92604	Reprogram cochlear implt 7/>	No	provisional
72	92607	Ex for speech device rx 1hr	No	provisional
73	92608	Ex for speech device rx addl	No	provisional
74	92609	Use of speech device service	No	provisional
75	92610	Evaluate swallowing function	No	provisional
76	92625	Tinnitus assessment	No	provisional
77	92626	Eval aud funcj 1st hour	No	provisional
78	92627	Eval aud funcj ea addl 15	No	provisional
79	93750	Interrogation vad in person	No	provisional
80	93797	Cardiac rehab	No	provisional
81	93798	Cardiac rehab/monitor	No	provisional
82	94002	Vent mgmt inpat init day	No	provisional
83	94003	Vent mgmt inpat subq day	No	provisional
84	94004	Vent mgmt nf per day	No	provisional
85	94005	Home vent mgmt supervision	No	provisional
86	94625	Phy/qhp op pulm rhb w/o mntr	No	provisional
87	94626	Phy/qhp op pulm rhb w/ mntr	No	provisional
88	94664	Evaluate pt use of inhaler	No	provisional
89	95970	Alys npgt w/o prgrmg	No	provisional
90	95971	Alys smpl sp/pn npgt w/prgrm	No	provisional
91	95972	Alys cplx sp/pn npgt w/prgrm	No	provisional
92	95983	Alys brn npgt prgrmg 15 min	No	provisional
93	95984	Alys brn npgt prgrmg addl 15	No	provisional
94	96105	Assessment of aphasia	No	provisional
95	96110	Developmental screen w/score	No	provisional
96	96112	Devel tst phys/qhp 1st hr	No	provisional
97	96113	Devel tst phys/qhp ea addl	No	provisional
98	96116	Nubhvl xm phys/qhp 1st hr	Yes	permanent
99	96121	Nubhvl xm phy/qhp ea addl hr	Yes	permanent
100	96125	Cognitive test by hc pro	No	provisional



101	96127	Brief emotional/behav asmt	Yes	provisional
102	96130	Psycl tst eval phys/qhp 1st	Yes	provisional
103	96131	Psycl tst eval phys/qhp ea	Yes	provisional
104	96132	Nrpsyc tst eval phys/qhp 1st	Yes	provisional
105	96133	Nrpsyc tst eval phys/qhp ea	Yes	provisional
106	96136	Psycl/nrpsyc tst phy/qhp 1st	Yes	provisional
107	96137	Psycl/nrpsyc tst phy/qhp ea	Yes	provisional
108	96138	Psycl/nrpsyc tech 1st	Yes	provisional
109	96139	Psycl/nrpsyc tst tech ea	Yes	provisional
110	96156	Hlth bhv asmt/reassessment	Yes	permanent
111	96158	Hlth bhv ivntj indiv 1st 30	Yes	permanent
112	96159	Hlth bhv ivntj indiv ea addl	Yes	permanent
113	96160	Pt-focused hlth risk asmt	Yes	permanent
114	96161	Caregiver health risk asmt	Yes	permanent
115	96164	Hlth bhv ivntj grp 1st 30	Yes	permanent
116	96165	Hlth bhv ivntj grp ea addl	Yes	permanent
117	96167	Hlth bhv ivntj fam 1st 30	Yes	permanent
118	96168	Hlth bhv ivntj fam ea addl	Yes	permanent
119	96170	Hlth bhv ivntj fam wo pt 1st	No	provisional
120	96171	Hlth bhv ivntj fam w/o pt ea	No	provisional
121	97110	Therapeutic exercises	No	provisional
122	97112	Neuromuscular reeducation	No	provisional
123	97116	Gait training therapy	No	provisional
124	97129	Ther ivntj 1st 15 min	No	provisional
125	97130	Ther ivntj ea addl 15 min	No	provisional
126	97150	Group therapeutic procedures	No	provisional
127	97151	Bhv id asmt by phys/qhp	No	provisional
128	97152	Bhv id suprt asmt by 1 tech	No	provisional
129	97153	Adaptive behavior tx by tech	No	provisional
130	97154	Grp adapt bhv tx by tech	No	provisional
131	97155	Adapt behavior tx phys/qhp	No	provisional
132	97156	Fam adapt bhv tx gdn phy/qhp	No	provisional
133	97157	Mult fam adapt bhv tx gdn	No	provisional
134	97158	Grp adapt bhv tx by phy/qhp	No	provisional
135	97161	Pt eval low complex 20 min	No	provisional
136	97162	Pt eval mod complex 30 min	No	provisional
137	97163	Pt eval high complex 45 min	No	provisional
138	97164	Pt re-eval est plan care	No	provisional
139	97165	Ot eval low complex 30 min	No	provisional
140	97166	Ot eval mod complex 45 min	No	provisional
141	97167	Ot eval high complex 60 min	No	provisional
142	97168	Ot re-eval est plan care	No	provisional
143	97530	Therapeutic activities	No	provisional
144	97535	Self care mngment training	Yes	provisional
145	97537	Community/work reintegration	No	provisional
146	97542	Wheelchair mngment training	No	provisional
147	97750	Physical performance test	No	provisional
148	97755	Assistive technology assess	No	provisional
149	97760	Orthotic mgmt&traing 1st enc	No	provisional
150	97761	Prosthetic traing 1st enc	No	provisional



151	97763	Ortho/prostc mgmt sbsq enc	No	provisional
152	97802	Medical nutrition indiv in	Yes	permanent
153	97803	Med nutrition indiv subseq	Yes	permanent
154	97804	Medical nutrition group	Yes	permanent
155	98960	Self-mgmt educ & train 1 pt	No	provisional
156	98961	Self-mgmt educ/train 2-4 pt	No	provisional
157	98962	Self-mgmt educ/train 5-8 pt	No	provisional
158	98966	Hc pro phone call 5-10 min	Yes	permanent
159	98967	Hc pro phone call 11-20 min	Yes	permanent
160	98968	Hc pro phone call 21-30 min	Yes	permanent
161	99202	Office/outpatient visit new	No	permanent
162	99203	Office/outpatient visit new	No	permanent
163	99204	Office/outpatient visit new	No	permanent
164	99205	Office/outpatient visit new	No	permanent
165	99211	Office/outpatient visit est	No	permanent
166	99212	Office/outpatient visit est	No	permanent
167	99213	Office/outpatient visit est	No	permanent
168	99214	Office/outpatient visit est	No	permanent
169	99215	Office/outpatient visit est	No	permanent
170	99221	Initial hospital care	No	provisional
171	99222	Initial hospital care	No	provisional
172	99223	Initial hospital care	No	provisional
173	99231	Subsequent hospital care	No	permanent
174	99232	Subsequent hospital care	No	permanent
175	99233	Subsequent hospital care	No	permanent
176	99234	Observ/hosp same date	No	provisional

177	99235	Observ/hosp same date	No	provisional
178	99236	Observ/hosp same date	No	provisional
179	99238	Hospital discharge day	No	provisional
180	99239	Hospital discharge day	No	provisional
181	99281	Emergency dept visit	No	provisional
182	99282	Emergency dept visit	No	provisional
183	99283	Emergency dept visit	No	provisional
184	99284	Emergency dept visit	No	provisional
185	99285	Emergency dept visit	No	provisional
186	99291	Critical care first hour	No	provisional
187	99292	Critical care addl 30 min	No	provisional
188	99304	Nursing facility care init	No	provisional
189	99305	Nursing facility care init	No	provisional
190	99306	Nursing facility care init	No	provisional
191	99307	Nursing fac care subseq	No	permanent
192	99308	Nursing fac care subseq	No	permanent
193	99309	Nursing fac care subseq	No	permanent
194	99310	Nursing fac care subseq	No	permanent
195	99315	Nursing fac discharge day	No	provisional
196	99316	Nursing fac discharge day	No	provisional
197	99341	Home visit new patient	No	provisional
198	99342	Home visit new patient	No	provisional
199	99344	Home visit new patient	No	provisional
200	99345	Home visit new patient	No	provisional

201	99347	Home visit est patient	No	permanent
202	99348	Home visit est patient	No	permanent
203	99349	Home visit est patient	No	provisional
204	99350	Home visit est patient	No	provisional
205	99406	Behav chng smoking 3-10 min	Yes	permanent
206	99407	Behav chng smoking > 10 min	Yes	permanent
207	99441	Phone e/m phys/ghp 5-10 min	Yes	provisional
208	99442	Phone e/m phys/ghp 11-20 min	Yes	provisional
209	99443	Phone e/m phys/ghp 21-30 min	Yes	provisional
210	99468	Neonate crit care initial	No	provisional
211	99469	Neonate crit care subsq	No	provisional
212	99471	Ped critical care initial	No	provisional
213	99472	Ped critical care subsq	No	provisional
214	99473	Self-meas bp pt educat/train	No	provisional
215	99475	Ped crit care age 2-5 init	No	provisional
216	99476	Ped crit care age 2-5 subsq	No	provisional
217	99477	Init day hosp neonate care	No	provisional
218	99478	Ic lbw inf < 1500 gm subsq	No	provisional
219	99479	Ic lbw inf 1500-2500 g subsq	No	provisional
220	99480	Ic inf pbw 2501-5000 g subsq	No	provisional
221	99483	Assmt & care pln pt cog imp	No	permanent
222	99495	Trans care mgmt 14 day disch	No	permanent
223	99496	Trans care mgmt 7 day disch	No	permanent
224	99497	Advncd care plan 30 min	Yes	permanent
225	99498	Advncd care plan addl 30 min	Yes	permanent
226	G0108	Diab manage trn per indiv	Yes	permanent
227	G0109	Diab manage trn ind/group	Yes	permanent
228	G0136	Admin SDOH risk assmt tool, 5-15 min	No	permanent
229	G0270	Mnt subs tx for change dx	Yes	permanent
230	G0296	Visit to determ ldet elig	Yes	permanent
231	G0316	Prolonged hospital inpatient or observation care	No	permanent
232	G0317	Prolonged nursing facility evaluation and management ser	No	permanent
233	G0318	Prolonged home or residence evaluation and management	No	permanent
234	G0396	Alcohol/subs interv 15-30mn	Yes	permanent
235	G0397	Alcohol/subs interv >30 min	Yes	permanent
236	G0406	Inpt/tele follow up 15	Yes	permanent
237	G0407	Inpt/tele follow up 25	Yes	permanent
238	G0408	Inpt/tele follow up 35	Yes	permanent
239	G0410	Grp psych partial hosp 45-50	No	provisional
240	G0420	Ed svc ckd ind per session	Yes	permanent
241	G0421	Ed svc ckd grp per session	Yes	permanent
242	G0422	Intens cardiac rehab w/exerc	No	provisional
243	G0423	Intens cardiac rehab no exer	No	provisional
244	G0425	Inpt/ed teleconsult30	Yes	permanent
245	G0426	Inpt/ed teleconsult50	Yes	permanent
246	G0427	Inpt/ed teleconsult70	Yes	permanent
247	G0438	Ppps, initial visit	Yes	permanent
248	G0439	Ppps, subseq visit	Yes	permanent
249	G0442	Annual alcohol screen 15 min	Yes	permanent
250	G0443	Brief alcohol misuse counsel	Yes	permanent



251	G0444	Depression screen annual	Yes	permanent
252	G0445	High inten beh couns std 30m	Yes	permanent
253	G0446	Intens behave ther cardio dx	Yes	permanent
254	G0447	Behavior counsel obesity 15m	Yes	permanent
255	G0459	Telehealth inpt pharm mgmt	Yes	permanent
256	G0506	Comp asses care plan ccm svc	Yes	permanent
257	G0508	Crit care telehea consult 60	No	permanent
258	G0509	Crit care telehea consult 50	No	permanent
259	G0513	Prolong prev svcs, first 30m	Yes	permanent
260	G0514	Prolong prev svcs, addl 30m	Yes	permanent
261	G2086	Off base opioid tx 70min	Yes	permanent
262	G2087	Off base opioid tx, 60 m	Yes	permanent
263	G2088	Off base opioid tx, add30	Yes	permanent
264	G2211	Complex E/M visit add on	Yes	permanent
265	G2212	Prolong outpt/office vis	Yes	permanent
266	G3002	Chronic pain tx monthly b	No	permanent
267	G3003	Addition 15m pain mang	No	permanent
268	G9685	Acute nursing facility care	No	provisional

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