



New Video Available on Medicare Coverage & Payment of Virtual Services



CMS released a video providing answers to common questions about the Medicare telehealth services benefit. CMS is expanding this benefit on a temporary and emergency basis under the 1135 waiver authority and Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act.

CMS has also been hosting regular calls with a variety of clinicians, hospitals, other facilities, and states in an effort to keep stakeholders updated on our COVID-19 efforts. As we know not everyone is available to attend the calls live, we are happy to share that you can access [recordings of the calls along with transcripts here](#). We will continue to host calls and share information through our list serves and media.

[See the Video Here](#)

CPT Coding Guidance Resources



- The AMA developed new coding guidance to assist physicians and medical practices in using [Current Procedural Terminology](#) (CPT®) to properly report medical services provided to COVID-19 patients. These CPT resources provide specific coding advice and describe 11 [scenarios](#) to help health care professionals apply best coding practices for office, telehealth, or online services provided to patients during the pandemic.
- It also includes a quick-reference flowchart that outlines [CPT reporting for COVID-19 testing \(PDF\)](#) and a new AMA web page devoted to information on [CMS payment policies and regulatory flexibilities](#) related to COVID-19.

AMA's COVID-19 Physician Resource Center

Sample Essential Employee Letter



Following Governor Kay Ivey's 'Stay at Home' order on Friday, the Medical Association's legal department has put a letter together for you and your staff to use if ever questioned about traveling from your home.

[Download the Letter Here](#)

Medical Association Sponsored Conference Calls Scheduled This Week

The Medical Association is working with some of our strategic partners to provide several updates this week regarding COVID-19 issues. These updates are expected to include the following:

1. Conference Call with State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris
Monday, April 6th at 7PM
Dial in Number: 1-800-341-6228
Passcode: 750761
2. Conference Call with Warren Averett to discuss available SBA loans for physician practices
Tuesday, April 7th at 7PM
Dial in Number: 1-800-341-6228
Passcode: 750761

3. Conference Call with coding expert Kim Huey to discuss Medicare Telehealth coding policy

Wednesday, April 8th

Dial in Number: 1-877-271-1828

Passcode: 750761



GOVS Seeks Health Care Professional Volunteers to Serve During the COVID-19 Outbreak

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The Governor's Office of Volunteer Services (GOVS), through its partnership with the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH), announces its newly launched Alabama ReadyOp program.

This program will collect volunteers and potential reserve staff's information and send out alerts in the event that the help of qualified retired health professionals, medical students, and related professionals is needed to support efforts.

[SEE THE FULL ALERT HERE.](#)

COVID-19: AMA's National Physician Townhall



The American Medical Association invites you to a live conversation with AMA President Patrice A. Harris, MD, MA, and a panel of AMA health care experts on challenges and concerns facing physicians during this unprecedented COVID-19 crisis.

As we work together on the front lines and beyond to defeat COVID-19, the AMA wants to hear from you and channel your collective voices into action.

Attendance is limited. Please register immediately and reserve your seat.

If you do not have access to a web-enabled device to attend the webinar, you can [register here](#) for phone-in only access (listen only, no question submission).

Please tweet your questions in advance to @AmerMedicalAssn and use the hashtag #AMACHat

[Register Here](#)



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