

Illinois Health and Hospital Association

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## SUBJECT: New Medicare Telehealth Reimbursement & Medicaid Data

On Oct. 14, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) <u>announced</u> new telehealth reimbursement for 11 additional services under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule, effective immediately and through the duration of the public health emergency (PHE). These new telehealth services include certain neurostimulator analysis and programming services, and cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation services. Since the PHE began, CMS has added over 135 codes to the Medicare telehealth services list, including emergency department visits, initial inpatient and nursing facility visits, and discharge day management services. The service codes for additional, temporary coverage impact hospital outpatient settings and physician-directed clinics, and include:

| Level II Codes |  |
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| 93797          | Physician or other qualified health care professional services for outpatient cardiac rehabilitation; without continuous ECG monitoring (per session)  |
| 93798          | Physician or other qualified health care professional services for outpatient cardiac rehabilitation; with continuous ECG monitoring (per session)   |
| 93750          | Interrogation of ventricular assist device (VAD), in person, with physician or other qualified health care professional analysis of device parameters, review of device function, with programming, if performed, and report   |
| 95970          | Electronic analysis of implanted neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter by physician or other qualified health care professional; with brain, cranial nerve, spinal cord, peripheral nerve, or sacral nerve, neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter, without programming                       |
| 95971          | Electronic analysis of implanted neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter by physician or other qualified health care professional; with simple spinal cord or peripheral nerve neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter programming by physician or other qualified health care professional      |
| 95972          | Electronic analysis of implanted neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter by physician or other qualified health care professional; with complex spinal cord or peripheral nerve neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter programming by physician or other qualified health care professional     |
| 95983          | Electronic analysis of implanted neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter by physician or other qualified health care professional; with brain neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter programming, first 15 minutes face-to-face time with physician or other qualified health care professional |
| 95984          | Electronic analysis of implanted neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter by  |

## CPT and HCPCS Service Description

|       | physician or other qualified health care professional; with brain neurostimulator<br>pulse generator/transmitter programming, each additional 15 minutes face-to-face<br>time with physician or other qualified health care professional |
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| G0422 | Intensive cardiac rehabilitation; with or without continuous ECG monitoring with exercise, per session   |
| G0423 | Intensive cardiac rehabilitation; with or without continuous ECG monitoring; without exercise, per session   |
| G0424 | Pulmonary rehabilitation, including exercise (includes monitoring), one hour, per session, up to two sessions per day  |

For more information on the newly added Medicare telehealth services and codes, click here.

CMS also released <u>Services Delivered via Telehealth Among Medicaid & CHIP Beneficiaries</u> <u>During COVID-19</u>, a summary of telehealth utilization during the PHE. The data shows, among other findings, that there have been more than 34.5 million services delivered via telehealth to Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries between March and June 2020, representing an increase of more than 2,600% when compared to the same period from 2019. For questions or comments directed to IHA staff, please <u>contact IHA</u>.