
Coding and Billing Updates Special Coding Advice During COVID-19

New guidance from the AMA provides special coding advice during the COVID-19 public health emergency. One resource [outlines coding scenarios](#) designed to help health care professionals apply best coding practices. The scenarios include telehealth services for all patients. Examples specifically related to COVID-19 testing include coding for when a patient:

- comes to the office for an E/M office visit and is tested for COVID-19
- receives a telehealth visit regarding COVID-19
- is directed to come to a physician's office or physician's group practice site for testing
- receives a virtual check-in/online visit regarding COVID-19 (not related to an E/M visit)
- is directed to come to a physician's office for testing

There is also a quick-reference flowchart that outlines Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) [reporting for COVID-19 testing](#). A new webpage on the AMA site also outlines [CMS payment policies and regulatory flexibilities](#) related to COVID-19. Check the [AMA COVID-19 resource center](#) to stay up to date and for additional resources.