

DATE: January 6, 2021

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Medical Coding Guidance

1. POS 99 has been added to CPT 99201-99215 temporarily to allow for this POS when appropriate. The place of service when using POS 99 must be documented in the medical record. This POS will be removed from these codes once the PHE is declared over.
 - a. **99201 is not valid for dates of service 1/1/2021 and after!**
2. Primary Care Exception: AHCCCS is allowing the following codes to be performed under the Primary Exception as related to policy. AHCCCS will allow GE modifier to be submitted for the following codes with the exception of 99452, 99495 and 99496 as these codes are not covered in our system. This change is effective 3/17/2020 and will end when the PHE is declared over.

Teaching Physicians and Residents: Expansion of CPT Codes that May Be Billed with the GE Modifier

Teaching physicians and residents: Expansion of CPT codes that may be billed with the GE modifier under 42 CFR 415.174 on and after March 1, 2020, for the duration of the public health emergency:

- Residents furnishing services at primary care centers may provide an expanded set of services to beneficiaries, including levels 4-5 of an office/outpatient Evaluation and Management (E/M) visit, telephone E/M, care management, and some communication technology-based services
- This expanded set of services are CPT codes 99204-99205, 99214-99215, 99495-99496, 99421-99423, 99452, and 99441-99443 and HCPCS codes G2010 and G2012
- Teaching physicians may submit claims for these services furnished by residents in the absence of a teaching physician using the GE modifier

Medicare Administrative Contractors will automatically reprocess claims billed with the GE modifier on or after March 1, 2020, that were denied. You do not need to do anything.

3. COVID Vaccines- These vaccines will be in our system and available for use only after the FDA has declared an Emergency Use Authorization for each specific vaccine. Please visit the AMA Webpage for more detailed information on the codes and how to use them. **(Please see the [COVID-19 Emergency Medical Coding Guidance](#) document for exact updates for the vaccines)**
4. **[COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Bill Guidelines](#) has the specific criteria for billing the vaccines.**
5. **New diagnosis codes for reporting COVID are listed on the COVID-19 Emergency Medical Coding Guidance document as issued by the CDC for dates of service 01/01/2021.**

