

Special Edition CBR202108: Impact of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) on Telehealth Guidance and Considerations



Caution

As you perform your internal compliance reviews, keep the following in mind:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released guidance about billing for professional telehealth services during the PHE.



Review

CMS disseminated guidance about billing for professional telehealth services during the PHE in the March 31, 2020, release of the [Special Edition MLN Connects®](#) and updated that guidance in the April 3, 2020, release of the [Special Edition MLN Connects®](#):

“Building on prior action to expand reimbursement for telehealth services to Medicare beneficiaries, CMS will now allow for more than 80 additional services to be furnished via telehealth. When billing professional claims for all telehealth services with dates of services on or after March 1, 2020, and for the duration of the Public Health Emergency (PHE), bill with:

- Place of Service (POS) equal to what it would have been had the service been furnished in-person
- Modifier 95, indicating that the service rendered was actually performed via telehealth.”

Source: [Special Edition MLN Connects®](#). March 31, 2020. CMS. CMS.gov.

Source: [Special Edition MLN Connects®](#). April 3, 2020. CMS. CMS.gov.