CPT/HCPCS CODE REQUEST FOR MEDICARE TELEHEALTH SERVICES

Proposed Changes for 2019 Physician Fee Schedule

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The American Telemedicine Association (ATA) requests that some important improvements be proposed for Medicare telehealth coverage and related services beginning in 2019.

ATA recommends that CMS facilitate, to the maximum extent of the law, the inclusion of all Medicare services that can be provided using telecommunications technology.

For purposes of Medicare telehealth coverage, we request coverage for new procedure codes for prolonged preventive medicine services. We also request CMS propose coverage of new CPT codes for related remote patient monitoring and professional internet-based consultations.

Add telehealth coverage for new HCPCS codes for prolonged preventive medicine services

CMS has created two new HCPCS codes that we request be covered for Medicare telehealth. These codes, for prolonged preventive medicine services, are similar to G codes already covered for telehealth:

- G0513: Prolonged preventive service(s) (beyond the typical service time of the primary procedure) in the office or other outpatient setting requiring direct patient contact beyond the usual service; first 30 minutes.
- G0514: Prolonged preventive service(s) (beyond the typical service time of the primary
procedure) in the office or other outpatient setting requiring direct patient contact beyond the usual service; each additional 30 minutes

**Update coverage for remote patient monitoring of chronic conditions with new CPT codes**

We appreciate CMS approving coverage of CPT code 99091, as we requested. This will greatly improve the treatment and management of chronic conditions.

To further improve patient monitoring of chronic conditions, we encourage CMS to update that coverage with new, improved CPT coding using the following:

- 990X0, remote monitoring of physiologic parameter(s) initial set-up
- 990X1, initial device daily recordings
- 994X9, remote physiologic monitoring treatment management services

**Recognize emerging needs for multi-disciplinary care coordination with new CPT codes**

Healthcare for many beneficiaries involves more than one physician and more than one location. In response, new CPT codes are being added for inter-professional internet consultation using the following:

- 994X6, interprofessional consultation services provided by a consultative physician
- 994X0, interprofessional consultation services provided by a treating/requesting physician or qualified health care professional record

We request that Medicare cover these consultations to ensure provision of the broadest scope of treatment options, ensuring the highest level of patient care.