

Telehealth for Inpatient Consultations & Hospital Services and Emergency Dept Services

TYPE OF SERVICE	WHAT IS THE SERVICE?	BILLING CODE	TYPICAL TIME	CRITERIA FOR USE
Inpatient and ED Telehealth	Inpatient Consultations & Initial Hospital Services <i>and</i> ED (Ambulatory Dept) Services	G0425	30 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of initial inpatient health-related services via telehealth with the patient • Services include counseling and coordination of patient care with the other providers • Consultations are provided in response to a request by the attending physician
		G0426	50 minutes	
		G0427	70 minutes	
Follow-up Telehealth	Follow-up Inpatient Consultations or Subsequent Inpatient Services	G0406	15 minutes (Limited)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up services from an initial inpatient consultation or for a subsequent consultative visit via telehealth with the patient • The initial inpatient visit may have also been made via telehealth • Services include following the progress and recommending modification to the care plan or recommending a new plan of care as a result of changes in the patient's status
		G0407	25 minutes (Intermediate)	
		G0408	35 minutes (Complex)	

Be sure to include the appropriate Telehealth Services 'dot phrase.' For example:

"I performed this service using real-time telehealth tools, including a live video connection between my location and the patient's location. Prior to initiating the service, I obtained informed verbal consent to perform this service using telehealth tools and answered all of the patient's questions about the telehealth interaction."

***Traditional Inpatient Consultations, CPT codes 99251-99255, are also approved for Telehealth services (using audio/video communications only).**

Provider clinical appropriateness would drive the need for examination. If time drives the level of service, consuming greater than 50% of the encounter due to counseling and/or coordination of patient care, then documentation must reflect this. Please refer to the traditional documentation guidelines per the CPT book.