

COVID-19: IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OTOLARYNGOLOGISTS

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NYS Governor's Office

[Sign Up for Nightly Updates from Governor Cuomo](#)

NYS Department of Health

Coronavirus Hotline: (888) 364-3065

[Retired Health Professional Volunteer Form](#)

NYS County Resources

[NYS County Health Departments](#) (report COVID-19 cases to patient's county of residence)

[Office of Emergency Management County Offices](#) (for PPE distribution)

Business Loans and Staffing

[NYS Unemployment Insurance](#)

[COVID-19 Small Business Guidance and Loan Resources](#)

[Assistance & Guidance for NYC Businesses Impacted Due to Coronavirus](#)

[New Paid Leave for COVID-19](#)

[Emergency Regulation Mandating Deferrals of Premium Payments for Life and Property and Casualty Insurance](#)

Medical Liability

[Liability Immunity for Countermeasures Against COVID-19](#)

[MLMIC FAQs in the Age of COVID-19](#)

[MLMIC Coverage Continuation for Returning MD Volunteers](#)

[Telehealth in the Age of COVID-19 \(MLMIC webinar 22 mins\)](#)

American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery

[Coronavirus Disease 2019: Resources](#)

American Medical Association

[A Physician's Guide to COVID-19 Quick Guide to Telemedicine in Practice](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[CDC Website for Healthcare Professionals](#)

[Free Patient Communication Resources](#)

Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services

[CMS Issues Waiver for Stark Law and COVID-19](#)

[COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Health Care Providers Fact Sheet](#)

[Coverage and Payment Related to COVID-19](#)

Telehealth/Telemedicine Coding

CMS Increases Fees for Audio Only Telephone Visits between Medicare beneficiaries and their physicians to match payments for similar office and outpatient visits. These would include codes 99441 through 99443. Payments for these services will increase from a range of about \$14-\$41 to approximately \$46-\$110. Payments are retroactive to March 1, 2020.

[Coding Guidelines for COVID-19 Telehealth/Telemedicine Services \(6/23/2020\)](#)

[Commercial Insurer Telehealth Coding Guidance Chart \(6/23/2020\)](#)

[Medicare Telemedicine Health Care Provider Fact Sheet](#)

[Medicare Telehealth FAQs](#)

[COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Health Care Providers Fact Sheet](#)

[Coverage and Payment Related to COVID-19](#)

[New CMS Infection Control Based on CDC Guidelines to Protect Patients & Healthcare Workers](#)

World Health Organization

[COVID-19 Situation Reports](#)

[Q&A on Coronaviruses \(COVID-19\)](#)

Environmental Protection Agency

[Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)

Additional Resources

[Johns Hopkins COVID-19 Global Interactive Map](#)

[UHC Actions to Support Providers During COVID-19 Emergency \(including reducing prior authorization requirements, provisional credentialing and extending timely filing limits\)](#)

[Families First Coronavirus Response Act and CARES Act Implementation](#)

[Interactive Map of Current State Telehealth Laws & Reimbursement Policies](#) (Center for Connected Health Policy)

[Telehealth Information for Patients and Providers](#)