

AMA Releases Special Coding Advice Related to COVID-19

New guidance from the AMA provides special coding advice during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

One resource [outlines coding scenarios](#) designed to help health care professionals apply best coding practices. The scenarios include telehealth services for all patients. Examples specifically related to COVID-19 testing include coding for when a patient: comes to the office for E/M visit, and is tested for COVID-19 during the visit; receives a telehealth visit re: COVID-19 and is directed to come to physician office or physician's group practice site for testing; receives a virtual check-in/online visit re: COVID-19 (not related to E/M visit), and is directed to come to physician office for testing; and more.

There is also a quick-reference flow chart that outlines [CPT reporting for COVID-19 testing](#).

A new web page on the AMA site also outlines [CMS payment policies and regulatory flexibilities](#) related to COVID-19.