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.