

Hospital Outpatient Therapeutic Services That Have Been Evaluated for a Change in Supervision Level

For all hospital outpatient therapeutic services furnished prior to January 1, 2020 with the exception of non-surgical extended duration services (NSEDTS), Medicare required direct supervision unless CMS assigned a supervision level of either general or personal supervision for an individual service. Effective January 1, 2020, the default minimum level of supervision for hospital outpatient therapeutic services changed to general supervision for all services except for NSEDTS, pulmonary rehabilitation services, cardiac rehabilitation services, and intensive cardiac rehabilitation services. Except as described below, NSEDTS continue to have a hybrid level of supervision. See 42 CFR 410.27(a)(1)(iv)(E) for a description of NSEDTS. Similarly, except as described below, pulmonary rehabilitation, cardiac rehabilitation, and intensive cardiac rehabilitation services continue to require direct supervision by a doctor of medicine or osteopathy. See 42 CFR 410.27(a)(1)(iv)(D).

Regarding NSEDTS and pulmonary rehabilitation services, cardiac rehabilitation services, and intensive cardiac rehabilitation services, we promulgated an interim final rule that addresses the supervision requirements for these services during the Public Health Emergency (PHE). Specifically, effective March 1, 2020, we are changing Medicare payment rules during the PHE for the COVID-19 pandemic so that outpatient hospital providers are allowed broad flexibilities to furnish services. During the PHE, the minimum level of supervision for NSEDTS has been changed to general for the duration of the entire service, including the initiation portion of the service. 42 CFR 410.27(a)(1)(iv)(E) has been revised to reflect this change in the minimum level of supervision. Also during the PHE, the direct supervision requirement for pulmonary rehabilitation, cardiac rehabilitation, and intensive cardiac rehabilitation services may be fulfilled by the virtual presence of the health care provider through audio/video real-time communications technology when use of such technology is indicated to reduce exposure risks for the beneficiary or health care provider. 42 CFR 410.27(a)(1)(iv)(D) has been revised to reflect this change in the direct supervision requirements.

Since CY 2012, the Hospital Outpatient Payment (HOP) Panel has considered and advised CMS on stakeholder requests for changes in the required minimum level of supervision of individual hospital outpatient therapeutic services. For services furnished prior to January 1, 2020, the following table lists the hospital outpatient therapeutic services that were evaluated by the HOP Panel for a change from direct supervision as well as the HOP Panel evaluation dates and recommendations and the final CMS decision on the supervision levels for the services. The table also lists select codes with CMS-initiated supervision level changes.

- For HCPCS codes for which “N/A” appears in the HOP Panel Evaluation Date and HOP Panel Recommendation columns for services, CMS initiated the supervision level changes.
- For HCPCS codes with “N/A” in the HOP Panel Recommendation column, the Panel chose not to make a recommendation when it evaluated the service described by that code.
- For HCPCS codes with “N/A” in the effective date column, there is no effective date provided because CMS did not make a change in the supervision level for services described by that code that were furnished prior to January 1, 2020.

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Finally, the table includes two new columns. The first new column is “Level of Supervision January 1 to February 29, 2020” which indicates the required supervision level for outpatient therapeutic services furnished during the period of January 1 to February 29, 2020, that have been evaluated by the HOP Panel or CMS in the past for a change in the required supervision level. The second new column is “Level of Supervision during the COVID-19 PHE Starting March 1, 2020. As explained above, with the exception pulmonary rehabilitation services, cardiac rehabilitation services, and intensive cardiac rehabilitation services, the required supervision level for all outpatient therapeutic services furnished during the COVID-19 PHE starting on March 1, 2020 is general supervision.

HCPCS Code	Short Descriptor	HOP Panel Evaluation Date	HOP Panel Recommendation	CMS Decision	Effective Date for Services Furnished prior to January 1, 2020	Level of Supervision January 1 to February 29, 2020	Level of Supervision during the COVID-19 PHE Starting March 1, 2020
C8957	Prolonged iv inf, req pump	N/A	N/A	NSEDTS	January 1, 2011	NSEDTS	General
11719	Trim nail(s) any number	Aug, 2012	General	General	January 1, 2013	General	General
29580	Application of paste boot	Aug, 2012	General	General	January 1, 2013	General	General
29581	Apply multilay comprs lwr leg	Aug, 2012	General	General	January 1, 2013	General	General
36000	Place needle in vein	Aug, 2012	General	General	January 1, 2013	General	General
36430	Blood transfusion service	March, 2014	General	General	July 1, 2014	General	General
36591	Draw blood off venous device	Aug, 2012	General	General	January 1, 2013	General	General
36592	Collect blood from picc	Aug, 2012	General	General	January 1, 2013	General	General
36593	Declot vascular device	March, 2014	General	General	July 1, 2014	General	General
36600	Withdrawal of arterial blood	March, 2014	General	General	July 1, 2014	General	General
51700	Irrigation of bladder	Aug, 2012	General	General	January 1, 2013	General	General
51701	Insert bladder catheter	Feb, 2012	General	General	July 1, 2012	General	General
51702	Insert temp bladder cath	Aug, 2012	General	General	January 1, 2013	General	General
51705	Change of bladder tube	Aug, 2012	General	General	January 1, 2013	General	General
51798	Us urine capacity measure	Aug, 2012	General	General	January 1, 2013	General	General
90471	Immunization admin	Feb, 2012	General	General	July 1, 2012	General	General
90472	Immunization admin each add	Feb, 2012	General	General	July 1, 2012	General	General

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90473	Immune admin oral/nasal	Feb, 2012	General	General	July 1, 2012	General	General
90474	Immune admin oral/nasal addl	Feb, 2012	General	General	July 1, 2012	General	General
90832	Psytx pt&/family 30 minutes	Feb, 2012	General	General	July 1, 2012	General	General
90834	Psytx pt&/family 45 minutes	Feb, 2012	General	General	July 1, 2012	General	General
90837	Psytx pt&/family 60 minutes	Feb, 2012	General	General	July 1, 2012	General	General
90785	Psytx complex interactive	Feb, 2012	General	General	July 1, 2012	General	General
90846	Family psytx w/o patient	Feb, 2012	General	General	July 1, 2012	General	General
90847	Family psytx w/patient	Feb, 2012	General	General	July 1, 2012	General	General
90849	Multiple family group psytx	Feb, 2012	General	General	July 1, 2012	General	General
90853	Group psychotherapy	Feb, 2012	General	General	July 1, 2012	General	General
90857	Intac group psytx	Feb, 2012	General	General	July 1, 2012	General	General
94640	Airway inhalation treatment	Feb, 2012	NSEDTS	Direct	July 1, 2012	General	General
94640	Airway inhalation treatment	March, 2014	None	Direct	N/A	General	General
94667	Chest wall manipulation	March, 2014	General	General	N/A	General	General
94668	Chest wall manipulation	March, 2014	General	General	July 1, 2014	General	General
96360	Hydration iv infusion init	Aug, 2012	General	General	January 1, 2013	General	General
96361	Hydrate iv infusion add-on	Aug, 2012	General	General	January 1, 2013	General	General
96365	Ther/proph/diag iv inf init	Aug, 2012	General	NSEDTS	N/A	NSEDTS	General
96366	Ther/proph/diag iv inf addon	Aug, 2012	General	General	January 1, 2013	General	General
96367	Tx/proph/dg addl seq iv inf	Aug, 2012	General	NSEDTS	N/A	NSEDTS	General
96368	Ther/diag concurrent inf	Aug, 2012	General	NSEDTS	N/A	NSEDTS	General
96369	Sc ther infusion up to 1 hr	March, 2014	General	NSEDTS	N/A	NSEDTS	General
96370	Sc ther infusion addl hr	March, 2014	General	General	July 1, 2014	General	General
96371	Sc ther infusion reset pump	March, 2014	General	NSEDTS	N/A	NSEDTS	General

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96372	Ther/proph/diag inj sc/im	Aug, 2012	General	General	January 1, 2013	General	General
96374	Ther/proph/diag inj iv push	Aug, 2012	General	NSEDTS	N/A	NSEDTS	General
96375	Tx/pro/dx inj new drug addon	Aug, 2012	General	NSEDTS	N/A	NSEDTS	General
96376	Tx/pro/dx inj same drug adon	Aug, 2012	General	General	January 1, 2013	General	General
96401	Chemo anti-neopl sq/im	March/August	General	Direct	N/A	General	General
96402	Chemo hormon antineopl	March/August	General	Direct	N/A	General	General
96409	Chemo iv push sngl drug	March/August	General	Direct	N/A	General	General
96411	Chemo iv push addl drug	March/August	General	Direct	N/A	General	General
96413	Chemo iv infusion 1 hr	March/August	General	Direct	N/A	General	General
96415	Chemo iv infusion addl hr	March/August	General	Direct	N/A	General	General
96416	Chemo prolong infuse w/pump	March/August	General	Direct	N/A	General	General
96417	Chemo iv infus each addl seq	March/August	General	Direct	N/A	General	General
96521	Refill/maint portable pump	Aug, 2012	General	General	January 1, 2013	General	General
96523	Irrig drug delivery device	Aug, 2012	General	General	January 1, 2013	General	General
97597	Rmvl devital tis 20 cm/<	March, 2014 March 2015	General N/A	Direct	N/A	General	General
99406	Behav chng smoking 3-10 min	Feb, 2012	General	General	July 1, 2012	General	General
99407	Behav chng smoking > 10 min	Feb, 2012	General	General	July 1, 2012	General	General
99490	Chron care mgmt svcs 20 min	N/A	N/A	General	January 1, 2015	General	General
99495	Trans care mgmt 14 day disch	N/A	N/A	General	January 1, 2015	General	General
99496	Trans care mgmt 7 day disch	N/A	N/A	General	January 1, 2015	General	General
G0008	Admin influenza virus vac	Aug, 2012	General	General	January 1, 2013	General	General
G0009	Admin pneumococcal vaccine	Aug, 2012	General	General	January 1, 2013	General	General
G0010	Admin hepatitis b vaccine	Aug, 2012	General	General	January 1, 2013	General	General

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G0127	Trim nail(s)	Aug, 2012	General	General	January 1, 2013	General	General
G0176	Opps/php;activity therapy	March, 2014	General	General	July 1, 2014	General	General
G0177	Opps/php; train & educ serv	Feb, 2012	General	General	July 1, 2012	General	General
G0378	Hospital observation per hr	Aug, 2012	None	NSEDTS	N/A	NSEDTS	General
G0379	Direct refer hospital observ	Aug, 2012	General	NSEDTS	January 1, 2013	NSEDTS	General
G0410	Grp psych partial hosp 45-50	Feb, 2012	General	General	July 1, 2012	General	General
G0411	Inter active grp psych parti	Feb, 2012	General	General	July 1, 2012	General	General