CMS added 11 more codes to list of covered telehealth services for PHE

On Oct. 14, 2020, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services added 11 more codes to the list of covered telehealth services during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Blue Cross and BCN’s Medicare Advantage plans, Medicare Plus BlueSM and BCN AdvantageSM will cover these codes with no member cost share for dates of service March 16 through Dec. 31, 2020. CMS has indicated that these codes can be used throughout the duration of the PHE, which currently extends through Jan. 20, 2021.

The eight Current Procedural Terminology® codes and three Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System codes, listed below, include services for cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation and certain neurostimulator analysis and programming.

*93750 Interrogation of ventricular assist device
*93797 Outpatient cardiac rehabilitation (without electrocardiogram)
*93798 Outpatient cardiac rehabilitation (with ECG)
*95970 Electronic analysis of implanted neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter (without programming)
*95971 Electronic analysis of implanted neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter (with simple spinal cord or peripheral nerve neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter programming)
*95972 Electronic analysis of implanted neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter (with complex spinal cord or peripheral nerve neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter programming)
*95983 Electronic analysis of implanted neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter (with brain neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter programming, first 15 minutes face-to-face time)
*95984 Electronic analysis of implanted neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter (with brain neurostimulator pulse generator/transmitter programming, each additional 15 minutes face-to-face time)
G0422 Intensive cardiac rehabilitation (with or without continuous ECG monitoring with exercise)
G0423 Intensive cardiac rehabilitation (with or without continuous ECG monitoring without exercise)
G0424 Pulmonary rehabilitation (including exercise and monitoring)
Refer to CMS’ updated telehealth services list** for all of the Medicare-covered telehealth services since the beginning of the PHE. You can also refer to the Telehealth procedure codes for COVID-19 document available on our public website at bcbsm.com/coronavirus and through Provider Secured Services.

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