

## **To:** AmeriHealth Caritas DC Providers

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## Subject: HEDIS® Telehealth Tips

Did you know you can close your enrollee care gaps and meet the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA's) HEDIS<sup>®</sup> guidelines by utilizing telehealth visits for your enrollees?

**Telehealth visits** can capture the following HEDIS<sup>®</sup> measures when you apply the appropriate modifiers or place of service codes: Controlling High Blood Pressure (CBP), Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC), Care for Older Adults (COA), Prenatal and Postpartum Care (PPC), Weight Assessment Counseling for Nutrition and Physical Activity for Children/Adolescents (WCC), Child and Adolescent Well-Care Visits (WCV), Well-Child Visits in the First 30 Months of Life (W30), and Transitions of Care (TRC).

Telephone visits can help close HEDIS® gaps for CBP, CDC, and TRC.

Enrollee reported height, weight, and blood pressure readings are now acceptable for many HEDIS<sup>®</sup> measures if the information is collected by a primary care practitioner or specialist, or if the specialist is providing a primary care service related to the condition being assessed, while taking a patient's history. The information must be recorded, dated and maintained in the enrollee's legal health record.

	Place of Service	CPT Modifier	Description	CPT Codes
Telehealth	2	GT 95	Via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems. Synchronous, telemedicine service rendering via a real-time interactive audio and video telecommunication system.	
Telephone Visit, Non- Physician			Telephone assessment and management service provided by a <b>qualified non-physician health care professional</b> to an	<b>98966:</b> 5-10 minutes of medical discussion
		established patient, parent, or guardian not originating from a related assessment and management service provided within the previous 7 days nor leading to an	<b>98967:</b> 11-20 minutes of medical discussion	
			assessment and management service or procedure within the next 24 hours or soonest available appointment.	<b>98968:</b> 21-30 minutes of medical discussion
Telephone Visit, Physician			Telephone evaluation and management (E/M) services by a <b>physician or other qualified health care professional</b> who may report evaluation and management services provided to an established patient, parent, or guardian not originating from a related E/M service provided within the previous 7 days nor leading to an E/M service or procedure within the next 24 hours or soonest available appointment.	<b>99441:</b> 5-10 minutes of medical discussion
				<b>99442:</b> 11-20 minutes of medical discussion
				<b>99443:</b> 21-30 minutes of medical discussion

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If you have any questions, contact your Provider Network Management Account Executive or call Provider Services at 202-408-2237.