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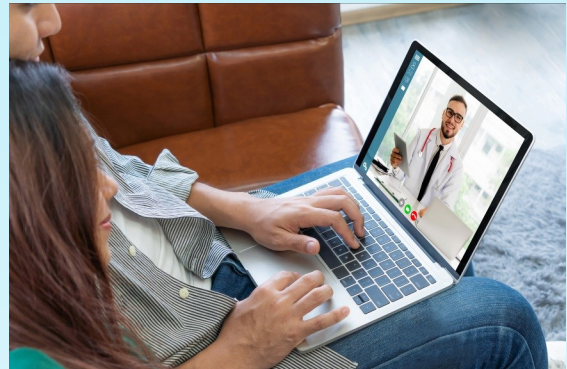
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## IHCP adds additional coverage for telehealth services

The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) is adding additional codes to the telehealth and virtual services code set. Effective immediately, and retroactive to dates of service (DOS) on or after **July 1, 2024**, the medical services listed in Table 1 will be allowable as telehealth services.

This policy revision applies to all IHCP programs, including but not limited to Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP), Hoosier Care Connect, Hoosier Healthwise, Indiana PathWays for Aging (PathWays) and Traditional Medicaid (fee-for-service).

Coverage of these telehealth services is only available for members who would be eligible for coverage of the same services if they were to be rendered in person (for example, the service must be included in the member's benefit plan, any applicable prior authorization requirements must have been met and so on). Table 1 indicates which of these services are allowable as audio-only.



*Table 1 – Procedure codes newly covered for telehealth, effective retroactively for DOS on or after July 1, 2024*

Procedure code	Description	Allowable as Audio only (modifier 93)
99402	Preventive medicine counseling, typically 30 minutes	Yes
99403	Preventive medicine counseling, typically 45 minutes	Yes
99404	Preventive medicine counseling, typically 1 hour	Yes
G0396	Alcohol and/or substance (other than tobacco) misuse structured assessment (e.g., audit, <u>d</u> ast), and brief intervention 15 to 30 minutes	Yes
G0397	Alcohol and/or substance (other than tobacco) misuse structured assessment (e.g., audit, <u>d</u> ast), and intervention, greater than 30 minutes	Yes
G0442	Annual alcohol misuse screening, 5 to 15 minutes	Yes
G0443	Brief face-to-face behavioral counseling for alcohol misuse, 15 minutes	No
G0445	High intensity behavioral counseling to prevent sexually transmitted infection; face-to-face, individual, includes: education, skills training and guidance on how to change sexual behavior; performed semi-annually, 30 minutes	No
G0447	Face-to-face behavioral counseling for obesity, 15 minutes	No

The codes in Table 1 will be added to the *Medical Service Procedure Codes Covered for Telehealth* table in *Telehealth and Virtual Services Codes*, accessible from the [Code Sets](#) page at [in.gov/medicaid/providers](http://in.gov/medicaid/providers).

For reimbursement of these services when rendered via telehealth, the procedure code must be billed as follows:

- With one of the following place of service (POS) codes, as appropriate:
  - ⇒ 02 – *Telehealth provided other than in patient's home*
  - ⇒ 10 – *Telehealth provided in the patient's home*
- With one of the following modifiers, as appropriate:
  - ⇒ 93 – *Synchronous telemedicine service rendered via telephone or other real-time interactive audio-only telecommunications system*



- ⇒ 95 – *Synchronous telemedicine service rendered via real-time interactive audio and video telecommunications system*

As a reminder, telehealth medical services follow the definition listed in *Indiana Code* [IC 25-1-9.5-6](#): “the delivery of health care services using interactive electronic communications and information technology, in compliance with the federal *Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act* (HIPAA).” For a provider to be reimbursed for telehealth services under the IHCP, the provider must be enrolled with the IHCP and be a licensed practitioner listed in [IC 25-1-9.5-3.5](#). Providers rendering services in state are also encouraged to have a telehealth provider certification filed with the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency. Providers rendering services out of state are required to have a telehealth provider certification under [IC 25-1-9.5-9](#).

For more information, see the [Telehealth and Virtual Services](#) provider reference module at [in.gov/medicaid/providers](https://in.gov/medicaid/providers).

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