

2025 Teledermatology Express

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MEDICARE

| Communicating parties | Communication Method | Example | HCPSC/CPT Code | CPT descriptor | Modifier Needed? | Place Of Service Code |
|---|---|--|----------------|--|------------------|-----------------------|
| Telecommunication Triage (virtual check-in) | | | | | | |
| New/Established patient initiated with the physician or non-physician clinician | Synchronous telecommunication (the virtual encounter can be performed via telephone or other telecommunications device) | The dermatologist triages a patient initiated online, real-time, audio-video, two-way communication to determine if an in-office visit is necessary. | 98016 | Brief communication technology-based service (eg, virtual check-in) by a physician or other qualified healthcare professional who can report evaluation and management services, provided to an established patient, not originating from a related evaluation and management service provided within the previous 7 days nor leading to an evaluation and management service or procedure within the next 24 hours or soonest available appointment, 5-10 minutes of medical discussion | 93/95 | PS 02 |
| | | | G2252 | 11-20 minutes, established patients only | 95 | 11 |
| Non Face-to-Face (virtual) | | | | | | |
| New/Established patient initiated with the physician or non-physician clinician | Asynchronous or store and forward technology* | Patient submits an image of a lesion to the dermatologist via email or other electronic technology. Dermatologist reviews the image and responds to the patient with diagnosis and treatment plan | G2010 | Remote evaluation of recorded video and/or images submitted by an established patient (e.g., store-and-forward), including interpretation with follow-up with the patient within 24 business hours, 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 | 95 | 11 |
| | Asynchronous or store and forward technology Requires use of a HIPAA-compliant secure platform, (e.g., EHR portals, secure email, or other digital applications), which allows digital communication with the physician.* *During COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, this requirement is waived. | Patient submits an image of a lesion to the dermatologist via email or during the 7 days; 5-10 minutes EHR portal. Dermatologist reviews the image and responds to the patient with diagnosis and 11-20 minutes treatment plan | 99421 | Online digital evaluation and management service, for an established patient, for up to 7 days, cumulative time during the 7 days; 5-10 minutes | 95 | 11 |
| | | | 99422 | 11-20 minutes | 95 | 11 |
| | | | 99423 | 21 or more minutes | 95 | 11 |
| Physician-to-physician | Telephone (verbal) and internet or electronic health record (EHR portal) | An internist contacts the dermatologist requesting a consultation for a patient being seen. The dermatologist communicates verbally with the internist and submits a written report to the requesting physician. | 99446 | Interprofessional telephone/internet/electronic health record assessment and management service provided by a consultative physician, including a verbal and written report to the patient's treating/requesting physician or other qualified healthcare professional; 5-10 minutes of medical consultative discussion and review | 95 | 11 |
| | | | 99447 | 11-20 minutes of medical discussion and review | 95 | 11 |
| | | | 99448 | 21-30 minutes of medical discussion and review | 95 | 11 |
| | | | 99449 | 31 minutes or more of medical consultative discussion and review | 95 | 11 |
| | Majority (greater than 50%) of the services is provided via Internet or EHR portal | An internist contacts the dermatologist requesting a consultation for a patient being seen. The dermatologist submits a written report to the requesting physician. | 99451 | Interprofessional telephone/internet/electronic health record assessment and management service provided by a consultative physician, including a written report to the patient's treating/requesting physician or other qualified health care professional, 5 minutes or more of medical consultative time | 95 | 11 |
| Physician or non physician clinician | Telephone/internet/EHR portal | Dermatologist discusses options for immunosuppressive therapy for a skin disease with the patient's oncologist, who is treating the patient for an active malignancy. | 99452 | Interprofessional telephone/internet/electronic health record referral service(s) provided by a treating/ requesting physician or other qualified health care professional, 30 minutes | 95 | 11 |

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Please note that this guidance is tied directly to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE). For current information regarding teledermatology coding guidance, please visit www.aad.org/telederm.

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| Non Face-to-Face Services (virtual) | | | | |
| Physician or non-physician clinician and patient interaction | Synchronous audio-video or audio only visit (per calendar date) Report for new or established patient encounters using synchronous audio and video OR audio only telecommunication services. These services may be reported for based on medically appropriate history and/or examination and or total time spent on the date of the encounter. | The encounter may be initiated by the dermatologist, non-physician clinician (NPC), or the patient/family/caregiver to assess or reassess the patient's response to treatment or address any complications related to the treatment plan from a previous dermatologic visit | 98000 - 98015 | Synchronous audio-video visit OR synchronous audio only visit for the evaluation and management of a new patient, which requires a medically appropriate history and/or examination and medical decision making. |
| | Reported for established patients only. The service is patient-initiated and intended to evaluate whether a more extensive visit type is required (eg, an office or other outpatient E/M service [99212, 99213, 99214, 992151]. Video technology is not required. | Encounter describes a service of shorter duration than the audio-only services and has other restrictions that are related to the intended use as a "virtual check-in" or triage to determine if another E/M service is necessary. | 98016 | Brief communication technology-based service (eg, virtual check-in) by a physician or other qualified healthcare professional who can report evaluation and management services, provided to an established patient, not originating from a related evaluation and management service provided within the previous 7 days nor leading to an evaluation and management service or procedure within the next 24 hours or soonest available appointment, 5-10 minutes of medical discussion. |
| Established patient initiated with the physician or non-physician clinician | Asynchronous or store and forward technology Requires use of HIPAA-compliant secure platform, (e.g., EHR portals, secure email, or other digital applications), which allows digital communication with the physician. | Patient submits an image of a lesion to the dermatologist via email or EHR portal. Dermatologist reviews the image and responds to the patient with diagnosis and treatment plan | 99421 99422 99423 | Online digital evaluation and management service, for an established patient, for up to 7 days, cumulative time during the 7 days; 5-10 minutes 11-20 minutes 21 or more minutes |
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