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Remote Therapeutic Monitoring

Inspire Medical Systems Coding Fact Sheet

CPT Coding for Remote Therapeutic Monitoring

There is CPT coding available to describe remote monitoring of the Inspire Upper Airway Stimulation (UAS) therapy. This coding includes three CPT Category I codes (to report the initial patient set-up, monthly monitoring, and additional monthly monitoring).

Category I CPT Codes for reporting remote monitoring of Inspire Upper Airway Stimulation (UAS) Therapy

Three new codes were made available January 1, 2022 for providers to report the initial patient set-up, monthly monitoring, and additional monthly monitoring. The code descriptors are shown below:

98975 (Initial patient set-up) Remote therapeutic monitoring (eg, therapy adherence, therapy response); initial set-up and patient education on use of equipment (ONE TIME ONLY)

98980 (Monthly monitoring) Remote therapeutic monitoring treatment management services, physician or other qualified healthcare professional time in a calendar month requiring at least one interactive communication with the patient or caregiver during the calendar month; first 20 minutes

98981 (Additional monthly monitoring) Remote therapeutic monitoring treatment management services, physician or other qualified health care professional time in a calendar month requiring at least one interactive communication with the patient or caregiver during the calendar month; each additional 20 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

Key Points for Consideration

- Who can analyze and interpret data will vary by payor:
 - **Medicare** will allow RTM codes to be billed under “general supervision” as of January 1, 2023. General supervision allows clinical staff to assist with RTM (pull reports and communicate with the patient).
 - **Commercial** insurances may still require data interpretation and patient communication be performed by the billing physician or other qualified healthcare professional (eg: PA, NP). Commercial insurances may still allow for staff to assist the patient with device set-up under the physician’s direct supervision.*
 - The billing physician or qualified healthcare professional must document spending at least 20 minutes interpreting the data and communicating with the patient interactively in order to submit a claim. For Medicare, clinical staff can perform this work under the general supervision of a physician or qualified healthcare professional.
- This set of CPT codes is for monitoring non-physiological parameters (ie: therapy adherence).**
- Data may be digitally uploaded or self-reported.

*11.18.2022, Federal Register, Vol. 87, No. 222, page 69649

**The RTM codes are used to report the reviewing and monitoring of data related to signs, symptoms, and functions of a therapeutic response (eg, musculoskeletal system status, respiratory system status, therapy adherence, therapy response). CPT Assistant, February 2022 / Volume 32 Issue 2

CY 2023 Medicare Reimbursement

CPT Code	Description	Physician Fee in Office	Physician Fee in Hospital	Billing
98975	Remote therapeutic monitoring (eg, therapy adherence, therapy response); initial set-up and patient education on use of equipment (ONE TIME ONLY)	\$19.32	Same	Once
98980	Remote therapeutic monitoring treatment management services, physician or other qualified healthcare professional time in a calendar month requiring at least one interactive communication with the patient or caregiver during the calendar month; first 20 minutes	\$49.48	\$30.84	Monthly
98981	Remote therapeutic monitoring treatment management services, physician or other qualified health care professional time in a calendar month requiring at least one interactive communication with the patient or caregiver during the calendar month; each additional 20 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	\$39.65	\$30.16	Monthly

Rates quoted are 2023 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule National Average Payment Rates.

Clinical Examples CPT Insider's View

Clinical Example (98975)

A 65-year-old male presents to the physician's or other QHP's office with exacerbation of a chronic condition. Following the visit, the physician initiates a remote therapeutic monitoring program to enable data collection and monitoring to support the therapeutic management of his condition.

Description of Procedure (98975)

Clinical staff walks the patient through the set-up of the therapeutic monitoring technology. Educate the patient regarding how to use the technology and related daily tasks. For respiratory therapy monitoring, introduce the patient to the device and the mobile app. For musculoskeletal therapy monitoring, educate the patient on setting up the device, reviewing the 3D motion-capture technology, and reviewing the specific exercises as prescribed by the physician or other QHP. Give the patient the opportunity to ask questions.

Clinical Example (98980)

An 8-year-old presents to the physician's or other QHP's office with exacerbation of asthma. The physician or other QHP initiates a remote therapeutic monitoring program to enable data collection and monitoring to support the therapeutic management of this patient's condition.

Description of Procedure (98980)

The physician or other QHP analyzes and interprets the data. Based on the interpreted data, the physician or other QHP uses medical and clinical decision making to assess the patient's condition, communicate with the patient, and oversee, coordinate, and/or modify the patient's care through shared decision making to achieve established outcomes and goals of care.

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