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For the 2020 Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) code set, changes were made to the Remote Physiologic Monitoring Treatment Management Services subsection to enable reporting of more intensive remote monitoring for patients with physiologic monitors.

This coding brief provides an overview of the changes in the guidelines, the revision of code 99457, and the newly established code 99458.

Remote Physiologic Monitoring Treatment Management Services

▲ 99457

Remote physiologic monitoring treatment management services, clinical staff/physician/other qualified health care professional time in a calendar month requiring interactive communication with the patient/caregiver during the month; first 20 minutes

▶ (Do not report 99457 for services of less than 20 minutes) ◀

▶ (Do not report 99457 in conjunction with 93264, 99091) ◀

▶ (Do not report 99457 in the same month as 99473, 99474) ◀

+● 99458

each additional 20 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)



▶ (Use 99458 in conjunction with 99457) ◀

▶ (Report only 99457 if you have not completed 20 minutes of additional treatment regardless of time spent) ◀

▶ (Do not report 99458 for services of less than 20 minutes) ◀

Guidelines

Remote physiologic monitoring treatment management services are provided when clinical staff/physicians/other qualified health care professionals use the results of remote physiologic monitoring to manage a patient under a specific treatment plan. Codes 99457 and 99458 should not be used if services can be reported with more specific Category I or Category III monitoring services, such as remote monitoring of wireless pulmonary artery (PA) sensor (93264), collection and interpretation of physiologic data ≥ 30 minutes each 30 days (99091), or self-measured blood pressure (BP) services (99473, 99474). Codes 99457 and 99458 may be reported concurrently with chronic care management (99487, 99489, 99490), transitional care management services (99495, 99496), and behavioral health integration services (99484, 99492, 99493, 99494). However, there may be no overlapping time between codes 99457 and 99458 when performing these services in a single month.

Coding Tip

Code 99457 may be reported only once each 30 days.

Codes 99457 and 99458 require live, interactive communication with the patient/caregiver and may only be reported once, regardless of the number of physiologic parameters monitored. **NOTE:** The device used to provide these services must be a medical device as defined and approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and it must be ordered by a physician or other qualified health care professional.

Coding Tip

Remote physiologic monitoring treatment management (99457) is precluded from being reported for the same time period as home BP monitoring (99473).

Code 99457 was revised to report remote physiologic monitoring treatment management services for the first 20 minutes of service. New add-on code 99458 was established to report each additional 20 minutes of remote physiologic monitoring treatment management services in conjunction with code 99457. Codes 99457 and 99458 may not be reported for services of less than 20 minutes and may not be reported for time spent on an evaluation and management service (eg, 99291, 99292) or other monitoring services (eg, 93290, 93793) when performed on the same day.



See the following clinical examples and descriptions that reflect the typical clinical situations in which new code 99458 may be appropriately reported.

Clinical Example (99458)

An 82-year-old female with systolic dysfunction heart failure is enrolled in a heart failure management program that uses remote physiologic monitoring services. During the course of monitoring, adjustments in therapy and continued monitoring and evaluation are required. **[Note:** This is an add-on code and represents the services performed after 20 minutes of time reported with code 99457.]

Description of Procedure (99458)

Based on interpreted data, the physician or other qualified health care professional (QHP) uses medical decision making to assess patient's clinical stability, communicates the results to the patient, and oversees the management and/or coordination of services, as needed, for all medical conditions. ♦