FMDA Journal Club

March 25, 2020
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COVID – 19 Update
Agenda

• COVID -19 Status Report
• Updates for PALTC Community
• Telehealth updates
• Clinical Trials
• Open Discussion
States Reporting Cases of COVID-19 to CDC*

Reported Cases
(last updated March 24, 2020)

- None
- 6 to 50
- 51 to 100
- 101 to 500
- 501 to 1000
- 1001 to 5000
- 5001 or more
Florida’s COVID-19 Data and Surveillance Dashboard
Florida Department of Health, Division of Disease Control and Health Protection

Florida Stats:

Total Cases 1,467
Positive Florida Residents 1,379
Positive Non-Florida Residents 88
Tested/Isolated in Florida
Florida Deaths 20
Monitoring 1,297

Florida case data is updated at approximately 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily.
Emergency Order (20-002)

March 11, 2020
CMS Approves First State Request for 1135 Medicaid Waiver in Florida

Mar 17, 2020  |  Medicaid & CHIP, Safety
CMS 1135 Waiver

- Allows care to be provided in alternative settings in unlicensed facilities if a licensed facility is evacuated
- Waives prior authorization requirements
- Suspends some nursing center screening requirements
Residential and Long Term Care Facilities to Implement Universal Use of Facial Masks

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY IN ALL RESIDENTIAL / LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES:

- ALL STAFF AND ANYONE ENTERING THE FACILITY MUST WEAR A FACIAL MASK AT ALL TIMES
- GLOVES WHEN PROVIDING DIRECT CARE TO A PATIENT OR RESIDENT
CMS Announces Findings at Kirkland Nursing Home and New Targeted Plan for Healthcare Facility Inspections in light of COVID-19

Mar 23, 2020  |  Hospitals, Nursing facilities, Safety
Three-Pronged Survey Approach in Response to COVID-19

Immediate Jeopardy Investigations
- Imminent threats to patient health and safety

Targeted Infection Control Surveys
- In Coordination with CDC and ASPR
- Use of Focused Infection Control Survey Tool

Self-Assessment Infection Control tool available for all Providers
- Allows Providers to evaluate their internal Infection Control systems to Mitigate Risk and Reduce potential for Virus transmission
President Trump Expands Telehealth Benefits for Medicare Beneficiaries During COVID-19 Outbreak

Mar 17, 2020  |  Safety, Telehealth
• **G2010** Remote evaluation of recorded video and/or images submitted by an established patient (i.e., store and forward), including interpretation and 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 LOC3-$12.60) (LOC4-$12.99)

• **G2012** Brief communication technology-based service (i.e., virtual check-in, by a physician or other qualified health care professional who can report evaluation and management services, provided to an established patient, 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 appoint; 5-10 minutes of medical discussion (LOC3-$15.42) (LOC4-$16.08)
Telehealth

Medicare also pays for patients to communicate with their doctors without going to the doctor's office using online patient portals. The individual communication, like the virtual check-ins, must be initiated by the patient; however, practitioners may educate beneficiaries on the availability of this kind of service prior to patient initiation. The communication can occur over a 7 day period. The Medicare coinsurance and deductible would apply to these services.

- **G2061** Qualified nonphysician healthcare professional online assessment for an established patient, for up to seven days, cumulative time during the 7 days; 5-10 minutes (LOC3-$12.49) (LOC4-$12.92)
- **G2062** 11-20 minutes (LOC3-$22.28) (LOC4-$22.94)
- **G2063** 21 or more minutes (LOC3-$34.87) (LOC4-$33.86)
Online digital evaluation and management services are patient-initiated services with physicians and other qualified health care professionals. These services require physician or other qualified health care professionals evaluation, assessment and management of the patient. These services are not for the nonevaluative electronic communication of test results, scheduling of appointments or other communication that does not include E/M.

- **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 (LOC3-$16.15) (LOC4-$16.82)

- **99422** 11-20 minutes (LOC3-$22.60) (LOC4-$24.21)

- **99423** 21 or more minutes (LOC3-$52.67) (LOC4-$55.26)
New ICD-10-CM code for the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), April 1, 2020

Effective: March 18, 2020

On March 11, 2020 the Novel Coronavirus Disease, COVID-19, was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization. On March 13, 2020 a national emergency was declared in the United States concerning the COVID-19 Outbreak.

Given these developments, and the urgent need to capture the reporting of this condition in our nation’s claims and surveillance data, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), under the National Emergencies Act Section 201 and 301, is announcing a change in the effective date of new diagnosis code U07.1, COVID-19, from October 1, 2020 to April 1, 2020. This off-cycle update is unprecedented and is an exception to the code set updating process.
COVID – 19 Clinical Trials
A Trial of Lopinavir–Ritonavir in Adults Hospitalized with Severe Covid-19


ABSTRACT
Treating COVID-19—Off-Label Drug Use, Compassionate Use, and Randomized Clinical Trials During Pandemics

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Emerging Treatment Challenges
Outstanding Questions

• When can health workers return to work?
• What are we doing about PPE shortages?
• What happens if a resident tests positive for COVID – 19?
• Receiving COVID – 19 patients from the local hospitals?
• Many more questions....
Thank You for Your Participation!