

COVID-19 Teaching Physician Guidelines

Resident Supervision of Telehealth Visits during the Public Health Emergency:

During the COVID-19 PHE, teaching physicians may use synchronous video to supervise residents and meet the requirement that they be present for the key portion of the service.

When the service is performed via video (preferred method):

1. Resident initiates **video** call with patient.
2. Resident adds attending to **video** call and attending directly interacts with the patient.
3. Attending documents attestation to resident note.
4. Attending bills for **complexity** using an E/M office code and modifier GT.

When a patient is unable to join video **and audio is the only option:**

1. Resident **calls** the patient and obtains history.
2. Resident **3 way calls** the attending and presents the history. Attending interacts directly with the patient.
3. Attending documents time of their direct involvement and an attestation to resident note.
4. Attending **bills for the time of direct involvement** with the patient using an E/M office code and modifier GT.

Please note: if Attending is unable to join resident during the video or audio-only telehealth service, a charge cannot be entered unless the Attending personally performs the service as well.