

Telehealth service modifiers

Telehealth modifiers must be submitted with distant site telehealth services. Generally, interactive audio and video communications must be used to permit real-time communication between distant site physician/practitioner and patient. Patient must be present and participating in telehealth visit.

A [list of telehealth services](#) is available on the CMS website.

Modifier	Description	Additional Information
93	Telehealth modifier defined as "synchronous telemedicine service rendered via telephone or other real-time interactive audio-only telecommunications system."	Modifier 93 is used for audio-only communication: • Permitted for patients in their home if patient does not have: ◦ Technical capacity ◦ Availability of real-time audio and visual interactive technology • Permitted for patients in their home if patient does not: ◦ Consent to the use of 2-way, audio/video technology Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) report on claims for intake activities, periodic assessments, counseling and therapy provided for audio-only technology: • Reference: Opioid Treatment Programs Claims RHCs and FQHCs can report either modifier 93 or FQ for services provided by audio-only technology.
95	Telehealth modifier defined as synchronous telemedicine service rendered via real-time Interactive audio and video telecommunications system.	Use modifier 95 for: • Outpatient therapy services provided via telehealth by qualified physical therapists, occupational therapists, or speech language pathologists employed by hospitals

- Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) report on claims for intake activities, periodic assessments and counseling and therapy provided for **using audio-video technology**:
- Reference: [Opioid Treatment Programs Claims](#)
- This modifier can only be used by RHCs and FQHCs

FQ The service was furnished using audio-only communication technology.

Valid for:

G0 (zero) Telehealth services furnished for purposes of diagnosis, evaluation, or treatment of symptoms of an acute stroke.

- Telehealth distant site codes billed with place of service (POS) code 02; or
- CAH method II (revenue codes 096X, 097X, or 098X); or
- Telehealth originating site facility fee, billed with HCPCS code Q3014.

GQ Telehealth service rendered via asynchronous telecommunications system.

Certifying the collection and transmission of the asynchronous medical file at the distant site from a federal telemedicine demonstration conducted in Alaska or Hawaii.

GT Telehealth service via interactive audio and video telecommunication systems.

Only allowed on institutional claims billed by CAH method II providers.

References

- [Medicare Learning Network \(MLN\) Booklet: Telehealth & Remote Monitoring](#)
- [Telehealth.HHS.gov](#)
- [Telehealth FAQ Calendar Year 2026](#)
- [Telehealth services](#)
- [List of Telehealth Services](#)
- [MM14315 - Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule Summary: CY 2026](#)
- [MM13887 - Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule Summary: CY 2025](#)
- [Change request 10152, Elimination of the GT Modifier for Telehealth Services](#)
- [CMS IOM Pub. 100-04 Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 12, sections 190 - 190.7](#)

- [CMS IOM Pub. 100-04 Medicare Claims Processing Manual, Chapter 39, section 30.5](#)
- [Change Request 10583, Revisions to the Telehealth Billing Requirements for Distant Site Services](#)
- [Change Request 10883, New Modifier for Expanding the Use of Telehealth for Individuals with Stroke](#)
- [Opioid Treatment Programs Medicare Billing & Payment](#)
- [Provider Specialty: Telehealth services](#)

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