

Updated: 10/14/20

Historically, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) costs were considered by health plans to be included in the reimbursement for the associated visit and were not able to be separately billed under the terms of the agreement (contract) for professional services or hospital services.

On September 8, the AMA announced a new CPT code, 99072, to address the PPE situation and the additional clinical staff time needed to perform safety protocols during the public health emergency: <https://www.ama-assn.org/press-center/press-releases/ama-announces-new-cpt-codes-covid-19-advancements-expand>

CPT 99072 - *(outside of budget neutrality) for additional supplies, materials and clinical staff time over and above those usually included in an office visit or other non-facility service(s), when performed, during a Public Health Emergency as defined by law, due to respiratory transmitted infectious disease.*

Will your health plan make separate payment for PPE (and possibly additional clinical staff time) in addition to the reimbursement for the visit? Yes/No

If Yes,

1. Using which of the below billing methods: a, b, c, or d?
 - a. Using CPT code 99072 - for PPE and additional clinical staff time?
For additional clinical staff time, is there a set reimbursement cap or cap on the number of minutes that can be billed by the provider?
 - b. Using HCPCS codes (A-series of codes) for PPE – which one(s)?
 - c. Using a unique code to reimburse a flat "per visit" amount, rather than identifying specific PPE supplies & additional clinical staff time – which code(s)?
 - d. Other method: identify/describe?
2. For what date of service would separate reimbursement using the above method begin?
3. Is there a limitation as to “how long” separate reimbursement will be made, e.g. will payment terminate based on the end of the pandemic or some other payer determination such as Executive or business decision?

Answer to Question			
Aetna	10/14/20	No	
Amerigroup - DSNP			

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CHPW – Medicare Advantage			
Cigna			
Coordinated Care - Commercial			
First Choice (TPA and PPO)	10/05/20	Administrator of Self-Funded Plans: No PPO Network: First Choice Health is a PPO network that does not define the benefits. Please reach out to the individual Payers to confirm benefits.	
HCA Apple Health	09/30/20	No	
Medicaid FFS	09/30/20	No	
Amerigroup	09/30/20	No	
CHPW	09/30/20	No	
Coordinated Care	09/30/20	No	
Molina	09/30/20	No	

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UHC Community Plan	09/30/20	No	
KP-NW	10/06/20	Not until CMS establishes pricing for Code 99072	
KP-WA			
Labor & Industries	09/30/20	No	
Molina - Marketplace	10/13/20	No	
Pacific Source	09/30/20	No	
Premera		Yes 1. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. CPT code 99072 is a payable code for PPE; Additional clinical staff time over what is included in the primary service would be included as part of this code. b. Additional payable PPE codes include A4927, A4928, A4930 and D1999 exclusively for Dental PPE. 	

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		<p>2. Reimbursement is made for dates of service min-March through October 2020. Code 99072 became reimbursable as of its effective date 09/08/2020 through October 2020</p> <p>3. Premera’s Payment Policy indicates that separate reimbursement will be made through October 2020. Starting with date of service 11/01/2020, PPE will be considered part of practice expenses included in the main procedure(s) performed and not separately reimbursable.</p>	
Providence	09/30/20	To Be Determined	
Regence	10/01/20	No - Our provider COVID-19 resource webpage states that we do not reimburse for CPT 99072.	
UHC - Commercial	10/02/20	No	

