

Virtual VBA: Overview

This document outlines the Value Based Ancillaries (VBA's) that can be delivered virtually during an AWW or E/M visit, along with the EMR, Operational and Billing differences between in-office and virtual delivery for each service.

NOTE TO PROVIDERS: All VBA's are time-based services. It is our policy that these time requirements be followed during the COVID-19 period, and that extra effort be taken to document start and end time for each service, particularly when multiple services are rendered in one virtual visit.

VBA		Differences for Virtual VBAs		
Code	Detail	EMR	Operations	Billing
99406	Smoking and tobacco Use Cessation Counseling (3-10 mins)	SAME as in-office +	Patient education material/documentation is pushed via portal or mailed to patient after the virtual visit.	SAME Bundling/ Modifier requirements (done by billing)
99407	Smoking and tobacco Use Cessation Counseling, Intensive (>10 mins)			
G0442	Annual Alcohol Misuse Screening (15 mins)			
G0443	Alcohol Face-to-Face Behavioral Counseling (15 mins)			
G0444	Annual Depression Screen (15 mins)	Add Start and End Time for each VBA service in addition to documenting duration	Until MA's are set up on virtual visit platform, the MA's will not be teeing up the ACP discussion, and their time will not be counted. Patient education material/documentation is pushed via portal or mailed to patient after the virtual visit.	ADD Telehealth: POS: 11 Modifier: 95
99497	Advanced Care Planning, 30 minutes			

Differences between in-office and virtual visits are highlighted in yellow

IMPORTANT:

- Audio and video are required for delivery of all VBAs.
- G0442 (Alcohol Screening) and G0444 (Depression Screening) cannot be billed together during a visit. During an AWW, please plan to bill for G0444. Deliver G0442 at a later visit
- Duration of service: Be sure to document start and end time for each service
- For mailing materials to patients: bulk-process mailings at the end of each week. It's recommended that envelopes used for this purpose have the clinic logo.
- Reference *VBA Quick Reference Guide* resource for Bundling and Modifier information for each code.