

Virtual VBA: Quick Reference Guide

The following **time-based** VBA's can be delivered virtually **as long as all documentation and time requirements are met.**

Code	Descriptor	2020 \$	Provided By	Documentation Required	Bundling Modifier		EMR and Workflow Changes	Telehealth Modifiers
					Office Visit [99213]	AWV [G0438, G0439]		
99406	Smoking and tobacco Use Cessation Counseling (3-10 mins)	\$15.52	MD, NP, PA, RN Teed up by MA	<input type="checkbox"/> Time spent (greater than 3 minutes) <input type="checkbox"/> Show a significant and separately identifiable service Documentation must include that patient was asked about tobacco use, advised to quit, informed of the impact of smoking, assessed for willingness to attempt to quit; that they were provided methods and skills for cessation, medication management of smoking session drugs; that a quit date was set, and that a follow up with patient was arranged.	BUNDLED Modifier-25	No Modifier Required to Bill	EMR: Record start + end time OPERATIONS: Changes need to be made to mail education material to patient after virtual visit	POS: 11 Modifier: 95
99407	Smoking and tobacco Use Cessation Counseling, Intensive (>10 mins)	\$29.59		<input type="checkbox"/> Time spent (greater than 10 minutes) <input type="checkbox"/> Show a significant and separately identifiable service Documentation must include items similar to 99406				
99497	Advanced Care Planning, 30 minutes	\$86.98	MD, NP, PA Teed up by RN, MA, SW	<input type="checkbox"/> Document content of ACP discussion, including time spent (greater than 16 minutes) <input type="checkbox"/> Examples of appropriate documentation include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o an account of discussion with beneficiary (or family members and/or surrogate) o explanation of advance directives (along with completion of those forms, when performed), who was present, who has the forms) o documentation that a POA was assigned by patient NOTE: The completion of an Advance directive is not a requirement for billing the service	BUNDLED Modifier-25	Billing together is allowed; use Modifier -33 on AWV code	EMR: Record start + end time OPERATIONS: Documents and forms from EMR should be mailed to patient after virtual visit	POS: 11 Modifier: 95

- Audio *and* video are required for delivery of all VBAs.
- 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.

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					Office Visit [99213]	AWV [G0438, G0439]		
G0442	Annual Alcohol Misuse Screening (15 mins)	\$18.41	MD, NP, PA, RN, MA Teed up by SW	<input type="checkbox"/> Document time (greater than 8 minutes) <input type="checkbox"/> Tool used and results of screening	BUNDLED Use Modifier -25	BUNDLED Use Modifier -59 If delivered on same day as G0444, it will be bundled. Provide on separate days	EMR: Record start + end time OPERATIONS: Patient education material should be mailed to patient after virtual visit	POS: 11 Modifier: 95
G0443	Alcohol Face-to-Face Behavioral Counseling (15 mins)	\$26.71	MD, NP, PA Teed up by MA, RN, SW	<input type="checkbox"/> Document time (greater than 8 minutes) <input type="checkbox"/> Include brief description of counseling. Include the 5A's (Assess, Advise, Agree, Assist, and Arrange)	BUNDLED Modifier -25 or 59	BUNDLED Modifier -59	EMR: Record start + end time OPERATIONS: Patient education material should be mailed to patient after virtual visit	POS: 11 Modifier: 95
G0444	Annual Depression Screen (15 mins)	\$18.41	MD, NP, PA, RN, MA, SW	<input type="checkbox"/> Document time (greater than 8 minutes) <input type="checkbox"/> Include tool used and findings. <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Underlying factors o Risk factors exhibited o Follow up plan (including patient education and support for patient self-management) 	BUNDLED Modifier -25	G0438: BUNDLED Cannot bill separately G0439: Billing together is allowed Use Modifier -59 If delivered on same day as G0442, it will be bundled. Provide on separate days	EMR: Record start + end time OPERATIONS: Patient education material should be mailed to patient after virtual visit	POS: 11 Modifier: 95

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- G0442 (Alcohol Screening) and G0444 (Depression Screening) cannot be billed together during a visit. During an AWV, please plan to bill for G0444. Deliver G0442 at a later visit
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