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NBCCEDP Announcements:

#1: ASCCP Management Guidelines free web-based application

ASCCP has released a free web application that providers can use to determine follow-up management of abnormal cervical cancer screening results. The free web application can be accessed here <https://app.asccp.org/>.

#2: Paying for COVID-19 antigen testing prior to breast or cervical cancer procedures

States have received federal funding and test kits for free COVID-19 testing. These were specifically provided so that uninsured people could get free testing. Since the NBCCEDP is payor of last resort, this should be the first resource for any COVID-19 testing required by a provider prior to any procedure. When testing cannot be covered by those resources for reasons such as the free testing only be administered to people who are symptomatic, then the grantee can cover the required COVID-19 antigen testing. If your program pays for COVID testing, your program should be able to track all tests results and link them to an actual screening or diagnostic procedure if the COVID-19 test is negative. If the COVID-19 test is positive, your program will need to have a plan for following up to make sure the required procedure gets done at a later date.

#3: 2021 CPT list

Attached is the 2021 CDC CPT code list. Below are the 2021 changes:

- Office visit codes were revised per the American Medical Association
 - 99201 was deleted
 - 99202-99205 and 90211-90214 time frames for office visits have been updated, including the time requirement being removed for 90211
- COVID-19 antigen testing codes added

- 87426 COVID-19 infectious agent detection by nuclei acid DNA or RNA; amplified probe technique
- 87635 COVID-19 infectious agent antigen detection by immunoassay technique; qualitative or semiquantitative

- Laboratory codes for in situ hybridization stain procedures added
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- Currently, CMS allows telehealth visits to be billed using the standard office visit CPT codes during the current public health emergency. These visits can be done using routine technology platforms (e.g., phones, facetime, and free Zoom, etc.) and relaxes the required use of only HIPAA-compliant platforms. Future use of telehealth will be based upon guidance we receive post pandemic since by law the NBCCEDP can only cover what Medicare covers.

- The CMS fee schedules for 2021 have not yet been released.