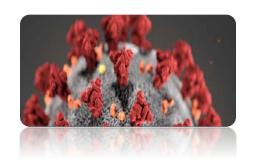
Maryland Primary Care Program

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Billing & Coding Guidelines

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- Technology-Based Services.

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Maryland Department of Health Maryland Primary Care Program Billing Resource Guide

MDPCP Billing and Coding Manual

Reference Guide: How to View the Document

Maryland Localities

https://health.maryland.gov/Pages/programs.aspx

CPT Coding Changes Effective January 1, 2020

CPT codes are revised annually to delete existing codes, add new codes, revise descriptions to active codes.

CPT coding changes impacting the current Billing Guide for MDPCP are confined to 2 sections:

- Health Behavior Assessment & Intervention.
- **❖** Technology-Based Services.

Health Behavior Assessment & Intervention

Effective January 1, 2020

- CPT deleted all HBI codes in 2019 & re-assigned new codes.
- Health behavior assessment is no longer time based.
- Increased the minimum amount of time required to report the service.
- Added codes to report additional time in 15 minute increments if performed.
- HBI codes are payable to Clinical Psychologists under Medicare.
- MD/DO/NP's should bill this service using E/M codes based on time.

Health Behavior Assessment & Interventions

Effective January 1, 2020

		Talahaalth	Maryland Jurisdictions			NAD NAC disease.		
Code	Description	Telehealth Eligible	Baltimore Counties	DC Suburbs	Rest of MD	MD Medicaid Fee	Licensure of Rendering Provider	Commercial Payers Crosswalk
Health Behavior Interventions - Health and behavior assessment and/or intervention services performed by a QHCP other than a clinical psychologist must be reported with the appropriate Evaluation and Management (E/M) codes.								
G0447	Face-to-face behavioral counseling for obesity, 15 minutes	٧	\$ 27.86	\$ 29.17	\$ 26.84		MD/DO NP/PA or RD's under Incident to	99401
96156	Health behavior assessment, or re-assessment (i.e., health-focused clinical interview, behavioral observations, clinical decision making)	*	\$ 104.91	\$ 109.21	\$ 101.71	\$ 27.25	Clinical Psychologist	
96158	Health behavior intervention, individual, face-to-face; initial 30 minutes		\$ 71.46	\$ 74.38	\$ 69.36		Clinical Psychologist	
96159	Health behavior intervention, individual, face-to-face; each additional 15 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary service)	*	\$ 24.99	\$ 26.02	\$ 24.33	NC	Clinical Psychologist	
96164	Health behavior intervention, group (2 or more patients), face-to-face; initial 30 minutes	*	\$ 10.62	\$ 11.05	\$ 10.28	NC	Clinical Psychologist	
96165	Health behavior intervention, group (2 or more patients), face-to- face; each additional 15 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary service)	*	\$ 4.89	\$ 5.11	\$ 4.77	NC	Clinical Psychologist	
96167	Health behavior intervention, family (with the patient present), face-to-face; initial 30 minutes	*	\$ 76.81	\$ 79.95	\$ 74.52	NC	Clinical Psychologist	
96168	Health behavior intervention, family (with the patient present), face-to-face; each additional 15 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary service)	*	\$ 27.23	\$ 28.35	\$ 26.43	NC	Clinical Psychologist	
96170	Health behavior intervention, family (without the patient present), face-to-face; initial 30 minutes		\$ 87.99	\$ 92.26	\$ 84.72	NC	Clinical Psychologist	
96171	Health behavior intervention, family (without the patient present), face-to-face; each additional 15 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary service)		\$ 32.23	\$ 33.76	\$ 30.96	NC	Clinical Psychologist	
* Health behavior assessment & intervention services were added back to the list of CMS covered telemedicine services in the wake of COVID-19 response.								

Technology-Based Services

Effective January 1, 2020

REMOTE PATIENT MONITORING REVISION AND ADDITIONS TO CPT

- CPT revised the description for Remote Physiologic Monitoring 99457 to report the first 20 minutes in a calendar month.
- CPT added an additional code 99458 to report each additional 20 minutes in a calendar month.
- CPT added 2 new codes 99473 to report calibration of a patient's home blood pressure monitoring device AND 99474 to report daily review of BP patient collected data and treatment plan revision/maintenance.

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Effective January 1, 2020

	Description	Telehealth Eligible	Maryland Jurisdictions			MD		
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5. Techn	. Technology Based Services and Remote Patient Monitoring (RPM)							
G2010	Remote evaluation of recorded video and/or images submitted by an established patient (e.g., store and forward), including interpretation, with follow-up with the patient within 24 business hours, not originating from a related E/M service provided within the previous 7 days nor leading to an E/M service or procedure within the next 24 hours or soonest available appointment		\$ 13.42	\$ 14.81	\$ 12.81		MD/DO NP/PA	
G2012	Brief communication technology-based service, e.g. "virtual check-in" by a physician or other qualified health care professional who can report evaluation and management E/M services provided to an established patient, not originating from a related E/M service provided within the previous 7 days nor leading to an e/m service or procedure within the next 24 hours or soonest available appointment; 5-10 minutes of medical discussion		\$ 15.68	\$ 16.40	\$ 15.08		MD/DO NP/PA	99441-99443
99091	Collection and interpretation of physiologic data (e.g., ECG, blood pressure, glucose monitoring) digitally stored and/or transmitted by the patient and/or caregiver to the physician or other qualified health care professional, qualified by education, training, licensure/regulation (when applicable) requiring a minimum of 30 minutes of time, each 30 days		\$ 61.58	\$ 64.15	\$ 59.48	NC	MD/DO NP/PA	
99453	Remote monitoring of physiologic parameter(s) (e.g., weight, blood pressure, pulse oximetry, respiratory flow rate), initial; set-up and patient education on use of equipment		\$ 21.38	\$ 23.47	\$ 20.12	NC	MD/DO NP/PA	
99454	Remote monitoring of physiologic parameter(s) (e.g., weight, blood pressure, pulse oximetry, respiratory flow rate), initial; device(s) supply with daily recording(s) or programmed alert(s) transmission, each 30 days		\$ 70.32	\$ 77.32	\$ 66.28	NC	MD/DO NP/PA	
99457 Revised Code 2020	Remote physiologic monitoring treatment management services, clinical staff/physician/other qualified health care professional time in a calendar month requiring interactive communication with the patient/caregiver during the month; first 20 minutes		\$ 55.37	\$ 59.99	\$ 52.94	NC	MD/DO NP/PA	
99458 New Code 2020	Remote physiologic monitoring treatment management services, clinical staff/physician/other qualified health care professional time in a calendar month requiring interactive communication with the patient/caregiver during the month; each additional 20 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)		\$ 45.09	\$ 47.87	\$ 43.03	NC	MD/DO NP/PA	
99473 New Code 2020	Self-measured blood pressure using a device validated for clinical accuracy; patient education/training and device calibration (*Per device)		\$ 12.29	\$ 13.68	\$ 11.59	NC	MD/DO NP/PA	
99474 New Code 2020	Self-measured blood pressure using a device validated for clinical accuracy; separate self-measurements of two readings one minute apart, twice daily over a 30-day period (minimum of 12 readings), collection of data reported by the patient and/or caregiver to the physician or other qualified health care professional, with report of average systolic and diastolic pressures and subsequent communication of a treatment plan to the patient		\$ 16.22	\$ 17.41	\$ 15.54	NC	MD/DO NP/PA	
	The MPFS rule - CPT Code 99457 describes only professional time and "therefore cannot be furnished by auxiliary personnel incident to a practitioner's professional services."							

Expanded Telehealth Coverage

Effective March 1, 2020 and throughout the duration of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE):

- Medicare will make payment for professional services furnished to beneficiaries in all areas of the country in all settings.
- Medicare will consider telehealth services same as inperson services & paid at the same rate.
- ❖ No costly technology required:
 - HHS authorizes the use of telephones that have audio & video capabilities for the furnishing of Medicare telehealth services.
- ❖ Patient Cost-Share Waiver:
 - Co-insurance & deductibles will be applied to telehealth services. The OIG is providing flexibility for providers to reduce or waive costsharing for telehealth visits paid by federal healthcare programs.

Three (3) Types of Virtual Visits

Type of Service	Method of Communications	Service Description			
Telemedicine Evaluation & Management Services	Real-time telephone & video communication devices through HIPAA compliant vendor or acceptable smartphone/tablet technology.	Medically necessary E/M services to diagnose and/or treat general health conditions that would normally be covered if rendered during a face-to-face visit.			
Virtual Check-in is Telephone Only	Telephone Calls Audio Only	G2012 or 99441 5-10 min. 99442 11-20 min. 99443 21-30 min.			
E-Visits/Online Digital Evaluations	Asynchronous Communication through a Patient Portal	Time is cumulative during a 7 day period. 99421 5-10 min. 99422 11-20 min. 99423 21-30 min. G2010 – Brief digital check-in			

Telemedicine Visits – HIPPA Compliant Vendors

The Office of Civil Rights (OCR) recommends that providers prepare to use HIPAA-compliant vendors following the COVID-19 PHE, such as:

- Skype for Business/Microsoft Teams.
- ❖ Updox.
- ❖ Vsee.
- Zoom for Healthcare.
- Doxy.me.
- Google G Suite Hangout Meet.
- Cisco WebEx Meetings/WebEx Teams.
- Amazon Chime.
- GoToMeeting.

Telemedicine Visits - Require Audio-Visual

HIPAA enforcement is temporarily waived during the PHE

Acceptable Platforms (State of Emergency Only)

- Apple Facetime
- Google G-suite Hangouts
- Skype for Business
- Zoom

Unacceptable Platforms

- Facebook Live
- TikTok
- Twitch
- Public facing applications

Office/Outpatient Department Visits

CPT CODES 99201-99215

E/M documentation **MUST** meet CPT criteria guidelines relative to the level of documented:

- History.
- Exam.
- Medical decision making.

Documentation must include:

- ❖ Telecommunication platform.
- Patient consent to care.

Medicare Rule Changes During PHE

Clinicians may base the E/M service level on:

❖ Medical Decision Making (MDM) **Only**.

OR

❖ Time:

- Time is defined as "all of the time" associated with the E/M on the day of the encounter.
- Concept of time is aligned with E/M
 criteria changes effective January 1, 2021
- Durations for levels are the "typical time" associated with the E/M code.

Office/Outpatient Department Visits Time-Based Levels

99201 - 10 min.

99202 - 20 min.

99203 - 30 min.

99204 - 45 min.

99205 - 60 min.

99211 - 5 min. – Can be a Nurse visit

99212 - 10 min.

99213 - 15 min.

99214 - 25 min.

99215 - 40 min.

Documentation:

- ❖ Document the total time spent on the encounter on the day of the encounter.
- Count time spend in record review & documentation of the encounter.
- "Total duration of this encounter was 25 minutes".

Home Visits Time-Based Levels

99241-99349 CPT codes added to the telemedicine list of codes in light of the COVID-19 emergency.

Document that the Telemedicine visit is taking the place of the scheduled home visit (home bound patient).

Services must meet criteria established by CPT guidelines OR the revised E/M selection criteria (MDM vs total time).

99341 Home visit; **new** patient - 20 min. Home visit; **new** patient - 30 min. 99342 99343 Home visit; **new** patient - 45 min. 99344 Home visit; **new** patient - 60 min. 99345 Home visit; **new** patient - 75 min. 99347 Home visit; **est.** patient - 15 min. 99348 Home visit; **est.** patient - 25 min. 99349 Home visit; **est.** patient - 40 min. 99350 Home visit; **est.** patient - 60 min.

Preventive Services/AWV's

G0438 Initial AWV/Personal prevention plan service.

G0439 Subsequent AWV/Personal prevention plan service visit.

G0442 Annual alcohol screen 15 min.

G0443 Brief alcohol misuse counsel.

G0444 Depression screen annual.

Documentation requirements include:

- Health Risk Assessment.
- Past Medical History.
- Written plan of preventive services.

If patient is unable to report their weight or blood pressure from a home monitoring device, document the presence of any associated risk factors relative to weight & blood pressure & address accordingly.

Transitional Care Management

99495 - Transitional Care Management Services (TCM) with the following required elements:

- Communication (direct contact, telephone, electronic) with the patient and/or caregiver within 2 business days of discharge.
- Medical decision making of at least moderate complexity during the service period.
- Face-to-face visit (this component must be a telemedicine audio-visual visit), within 14 calendar days of discharge.

99496 - Transitional Care Management Services (TCM) with the following required elements:

- Communication (direct contact, telephone, electronic) with the patient and/or caregiver within 2 business days of discharge.
- Medical decision making of high complexity during the service period.
- Face-to-face visit (this component must be a telemedicine audio-visual visit), within 7 calendar days of discharge.

Advanced Care Planning

Critical Planning during a PHE

99497 - Advance care planning including the explanation & discussion of advance directives such as standard forms (with completion of such forms, when performed), by the physician or other qualified health care professional; first 30 minutes, faceto-face with the patient, family member(s), and/or surrogate

99498 - Advance care planning including the explanation & discussion of advance directives such as standard forms (*with completion of such forms, when performed*), by the physician or other qualified health care professional; each additional 30 minutes (*List separately in addition to code for primary procedure*)

Providers should document:

- **Time.**
- **Summary of discussion.**
- Participants.
- Report POS 11 for full non-facility rate of reimbursement.

Billing Medicare for Telemedicine Services Interim Coding Rules

When submitting claims for telemedicine services with dates-of- service on or after March 1, 2020, and for the duration of the PHE, report:

- ❖ Place of Service (POS) equal to what it would have been in the absence of a PHE.
- ❖ Append modifier 95 to CPT codes, indicating that the service rendered was actually performed via interactive audio video.

This is a change announced on 03/31/2020 that is applicable 03/01/20 & applies to E/M services provided via audio/visual during pandemic period.

CMS Interim Rules Effective 03/01/2020 Telephone Evaluation & Management (E/M) Services

Prior CMS Non-Coverage for Non-Face-to-Face Services

- In CY 2008, the CPT Editorial Panel created CPT **99441-99443** codes to describe E/M services furnished by a physician or qualified healthcare professional via telephone.
- CMS assigned a status indicator of "N" (Non-covered) to these services because:
 - (1) These services are non-face-to-face; and
 - ❖ (2) the code descriptors include language that recognizes t the provision of services to parties other than the beneficiary for whom Medicare does not provide coverage (for example, a guardian).
- CMS now believes they should be covered in light of the COVID-19 emergency.

Billable Telephone/Audio Only Services

• Virtual Check in **G2012**- 5-10 min. "established in 2017 as a covered service".

Added codes to the MPFS due to the PHE:

- 99441 Telephone E/M new or established 5-10 min. MCR allowance \$15.34
- 99442 Telephone E/M new or established 11-20 min.
 MCR allowance \$29.96
- 99443 Telephone E/M new or established 21-30 min. MCR allowance \$43.64

Medicare does not consider these services to fully replace a telemedicine E/M visit. These codes should be reported when the E/M is sufficient to warrant a separate service unrelated to coordination of care following an E/M in the previous 7 days.

Do not use POS 02 or modifier 95 with these.

Other Considerations for Telephone E/M: CODES 99441 - 99443 & G2012

- These services apply to new & established patients during the PHE.
- These services should be patient initiated however, the provider may contact the patient to educate them that the service is available.
- The service requires the patient consent for billing.
- <u>Do not</u> report <u>99441-99443</u> during the time period when billing for Transitional Care Management.
- Home and Outpatient INR monitoring reported as 93792, 93793 were not designated as a telemedicine visit but can be replaced by the telephone visit if documented appropriately.

Billable Online/Digital Only Services

- Virtual Check-in G2010 Store and Forward technology utilizing recorded video or image forwarded to provider
- Digital evaluation and management service, for an established patient, for up to 7 days, cumulative time during the 7 days
- 99421 Online digital E/M new or established 5-10 min. MCR allowance \$16.52
- 99422 Online digital E/M new or established 11-20 min.
 MCR allowance \$33.12
- 99423 Online digital E/M new or established 21-30 min.
 MCR allowance \$53.54

Document cumulated time during a **7 day period** where asynchronous secure messaging or recordings was the means to evaluate and manage a health condition or problem.

• Do not use POS 02 or modifier 95 with these.

Additional Telehealth Provisions

Providers can now:

- Bill for additional types of televideo visits at the same rate as in-person visits.
 - •Emergency department visits, initial nursing facility and discharge visits, home visits, and therapy services, which must be provided by a clinician that is allowed to provide telehealth.

Medicare now allows telemedicine to fulfill many face-to-face visit requirements for clinicians to see their patients in inpatient rehabilitation facilities, hospice & home health.

For a complete list of Telehealth services that can be reported as in person using a synchronous acceptable telecommunication platform:

https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-General-Information/Telehealth/Telehealth-Codes

Additional Waivers

Removal of Frequency Limitations on Medicare Telehealth

To better serve the patient population that would otherwise not have access to clinically appropriate in-person treatment, the following services no longer have limitations on the number of times they can be provided by Medicare telehealth:

- ❖ No limit to the number of medically necessary telemedicine E/M services.
- ❖ A subsequent inpatient visit can be furnished more frequently than every 3 days (CPT codes 99231-99233)
- ❖ A subsequent skilled nursing facility visit can be furnished via Medicare telehealth, without the limitation that the telehealth visit is once every 30 days (CPT codes 99307-99310)
- ❖ For services requiring direct supervision by the physician or other practitioner, that physician supervision can be provided virtually using real-time audio/video technology.

Documentation Guidelines

- Providers must maintain documentation in the same manner as for an in-person visit or consultation, using either electronic or paper medical records.
- The provider should document the participant's consent to receive telehealth services in their medical record.
- Consent may be given verbally by the participant.
- Consent need only be given once per year.

Medicare Coverage of COVID-19 Testing and Related Encounters

- Medicare provides coverage of laboratory testing without costs-sharing (87635)
- Medicare provides coverage of E/M services that result in an order for or administration of a COVID-19 test (87635)
- Append modifier **CS** to the CPT codes reporting EM services resulting in the order or administration of a COVID-19 test.
- ❖ Treatment of COVID-19 and associated respiratory disease will be subject to deductibles & coinsurance.

COVID-19 Related ICD-10 Codes

- ❖ **Z03.818** Encounter for observation for suspected exposure to other biological agents ruled out.
- ❖ **Z20.828** Contact with & (suspected) exposure to other viral communicable diseases.
- ❖ **Z71.84** Encounter for health counseling related to travel (Health risk & safety counseling).
- ❖ **Z71.1** Person with feared health complaint in whom no diagnosis is made.
- ❖ U07.1 COVID-19 (confirmed test) effective 4/1/20

COVID-19 Related Presenting Problems ICD-10

For patients presenting with any signs/symptoms (such as fever, etc.) & where a definitive diagnosis has not been established, assign the appropriate code(s) for each of the presenting signs and symptoms first:

- * R05 Cough.
- R06.02 Shortness of breath.
- R50.9 Fever, unspecified.
- ❖ J12.89 Other viral pneumonia.
- ❖ J20.8 Acute bronchitis due to other specified organisms.
- ❖ J22 Unspecified acute lower respiratory infection.

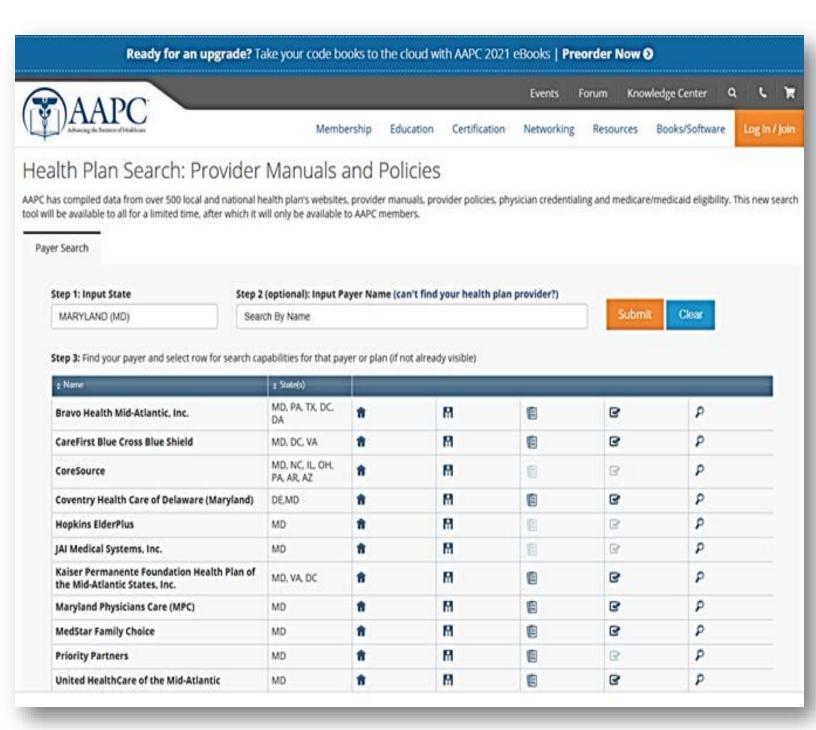
Telemedicine, Telephone & Online Digital E/M Service Billing Guide

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Service Descriptions &	CareFirst	United Health Care	Aetna	Cigna	Medicaid/MCO's
Codes					
Office visits via	Report E/M CPT	Report E/M CPT	Report E/M CPT	Report E/M CPT	Report E/M CPT
synchronous interactive	code with POS code	code with POS	code with POS	code with POS	code with POS
audio visual	02 & Modifier 95	code 02 &	code 02 &	code 11 &	code 11 &
communication devices		Modifier 95	Modifier 95	Modifier GQ	Modifier GT
HIPAA compliant now		(Exception		(Exception	
includes Apple Facetime,		*Telephone audio		*Telephone audio	
Google G Suite Hangouts		only is now		only is now	
Meet & Skype) CPT codes		allowed by UHC)		allowed by Cigna)	
99201-99215					
Telephone evaluation &	Carefirst will allow	Report only	Report CPT code	Report G2012 only	Audio only E/M
management (E/M) (Audio	99441-99443 & pay	G2012 with POS	with POS 11 with	with POS 11 & NO	may only be
only) calls based on time	a flat fee of \$20.00	11 & NO	NO modifier.	Modifier for brief	reported with
99441-99443 (New or		Modifier.	Report G2012 for	check in-phone	CPT 99211,
Established patients)			Medicare	calls. Telephone	99212 or 99213
'Virtual Check-in'			Advantage plans.	E/M's should be	with POS 11 &
				reported as	Modifier UB
				interactive	
				telemedicine.	
Cost-Sharing to the Patient	Non-specific policy	No Patient cost-	No Patient cost-	No Patient cost-	No Patient cost-
	cost-sharing policy.	sharing during the	sharing during	sharing during the	sharing during
	CF directs provider	PHE. Network	the PHE.	PHE. Network	the state of
	not to collect	rates paid in full	Network rates	rates paid in full	emergency
	copays during the	but may vary by	paid in full but	but may vary by	
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Resources

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https://www.aapc.com/resources/free-tools/provider-manual/

Information/Resources

American Telemedicine.org

American Academy of Pediatrics

https://www.aap.org/en-

us/Documents/coding factsheet telemedicine.pdf

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-19-physicians-and-practitioners.pdf

AAFP

https://www.aafp.org/patient-care/emergency/2019-coronavirus/telehealth.html

CMS General Provider Telehealth & Telemedicine Tool Kit:

https://www.cms.gov/files/document/general-telemedicine-toolkit.pdf

AMA Telemedicine Quick Set-up Guide:

https://www.ama-assn.org/practice-management/digital/ama-quick-guide-telemedicine-practice

Expansion of Telehealth & Licensing Waivers During Pandemic:

http://connectwithcare.org/state-telehealth-and-licensure-expansion-covid-19-chart/

Questions & Answers

