

U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services finalizes Remote Therapeutic Monitoring Codes

Melbourne, Australia – 13 January 2022: Adherium Limited (ASX: ADR), a leader in respiratory eHealth, remote monitoring, and data management solutions, is pleased to advise that the United States Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has finalized Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) codes for Remote Therapeutic Monitoring (RTM).

The CMS published the 2022 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) Final Rule establishing five new RTM reimbursement codes (see Appendix below), including patient set-up and education on the use of RTM equipment, data transmission of respiratory system status, monitoring patient data, and managing treatment.

The creation of new RTM codes represents a recent trend of CMS expanding reimbursement for remote patient monitoring, which will support the market adoption of technological innovation in digital health and is complementary to Adherium's existing route to enabling reimbursement under Remote Physiologic Monitoring codes through incorporating physiological measures into Hailie® sensors.

“We are extremely pleased with CMS’s finalizing the RTM code set, which will expand access for Adherium’s innovative Hailie® sensors for management of Medicare patients suffering with asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. This is a major victory for the RPM and RTM home health community and a significant milestone for our USA business prospects as we move into 2022. CMS is to be commended for taking these steps to advocate for and support smart medicine and medical IoT to improve patient care as Adherium advances our path toward personalized, value-based care,” said Rick Legleiter, Adherium’s Chief Executive Officer.

Essentially, the new RTM codes mirror the Remote Physiologic Monitoring (RPM) codes that went into effect on 1 January 2019 with two primary differences. First, the primary billers of RTM codes are projected to be, for example, nurse practitioners and

respiratory and physical therapists, in order to permit practitioners who are not physicians or non-physician providers to bill and be paid for furnishing RTM services. By contrast, RPM services are considered to be evaluation and management (E/M) services. Second, RTM codes monitor health conditions, including respiratory system status, musculoskeletal system status, therapy adherence (for example, medication), and therapy response (for example, medication), and as such, allow non-physiologic data to be collected. CMS does not specifically define “non-physiologic data,” yet notes that RTM should be used to monitor health conditions through data capture.

Summary regarding the RTM codes are outlined in the Appendix section below. Additional CMS reimbursement updates will be provided as information becomes available.

About Adherium (ASX: ADR)

Adherium is a provider of integrated digital health solutions and a worldwide leader in connected respiratory medical devices, with more than 180,000 sold globally. Adherium’s Hailie® platform solution enables access by clinicians, healthcare providers and patients to remotely monitor medication usage, physiological measures, and adherence supporting reimbursement for qualifying patient management.

The Hailie® solution includes a suite of integration tools to enable the capture and sharing of health data via mobile and desktop apps, SDK and API integration tools, and Adherium’s own broad range of sensors connected to respiratory medications. Adherium’s Hailie® solution is designed to provide visibility to healthcare providers of medication use history to better understand patterns in patient respiratory disease.

Learn more at www.adherium.com

This ASX announcement was approved and authorised for release by the Board of Adherium.

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APPENDIX

Remote Therapeutic Monitoring Codes

Initial Set-up and Patient Education (CPT Code 98975):

Remote therapeutic monitoring (e.g., respiratory system status, musculoskeletal system status, therapy adherence, therapy response); initial set-up and patient education on use of equipment

Supply of Device for Monitoring Respiratory System (CPT Code 98976):

Remote therapeutic monitoring (e.g., respiratory system status, musculoskeletal system status, therapy adherence, therapy response); device(s) supply with scheduled (e.g., daily) recording(s) and/or programmed alert(s) transmission to monitor respiratory system, each 30 days

Supply of Device for Monitoring Musculoskeletal System (CPT Code 98977):

Remote therapeutic monitoring (e.g., respiratory system status, musculoskeletal system status, therapy adherence, therapy response); device(s) supply with scheduled (e.g., daily) recording(s) and/or programmed alert(s) transmission to monitor musculoskeletal system, each 30 days

Monitoring/Treatment Management Services, first 20 minutes (CPT Code 98980):

Remote therapeutic monitoring treatment management services, physician/ other qualified health care professional time in a calendar month requiring at least one interactive communication with the patient/caregiver during the calendar month; first 20 minutes

Monitoring/Treatment Management Services, each additional 20 minutes (CPT Code 98981):

Remote therapeutic monitoring treatment management services, physician/other qualified health care professional time in a calendar month requiring at least one interactive communication with the patient/caregiver during the calendar month; each additional 20 minutes (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

As background, Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code set is maintained by the American Medical Association. The CPT codes describe medical, surgical, and diagnostic services designed to standardise information on medical services and procedures among providers, patients, and payers for administrative, financial, and analytical purposes. The use of the code set is mandated by almost all U.S. health insurance payment and information systems, including CMS.



CMS is a federal agency within the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that administers the Medicare program and works in partnership with state governments to administer Medicaid along with other programs and responsibilities.