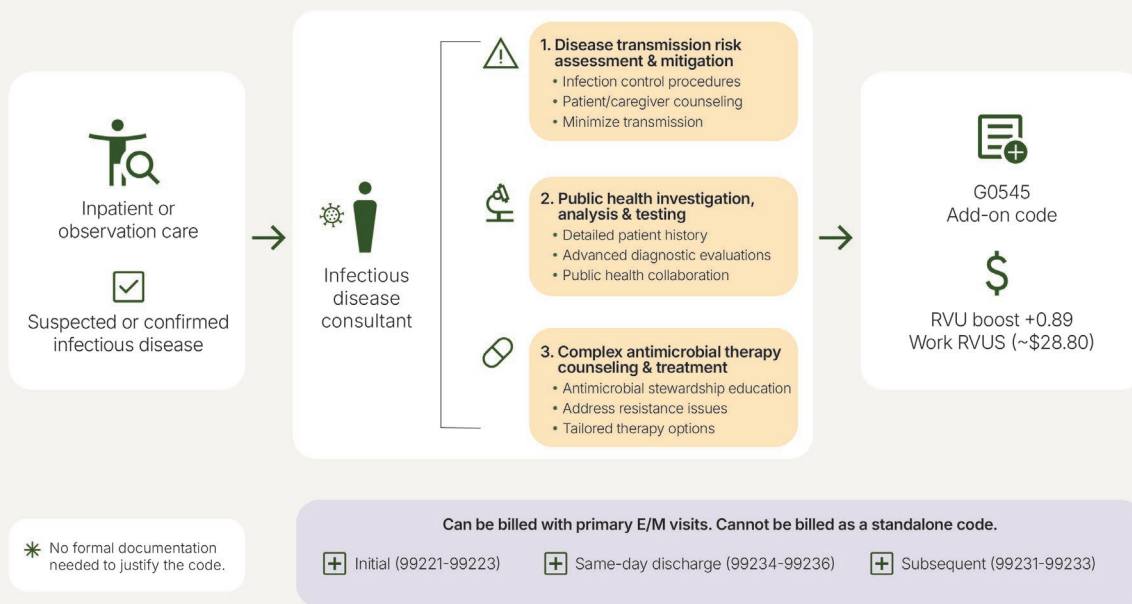


Coding Corner: G0545 Executive Summary

CMS Add-On Code G0545 For Infectious Disease Services

Effective: January 1, 2025 / IDSA Advocacy Initiative



In November 2024, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services introduced Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System code G0545, a new add-on for hospital inpatient or observation E/M services specific to ID. This new code, in effect since Jan. 1, 2025, as part of Medicare’s final rule, reflects significant advocacy by IDSA, which worked diligently to ensure its inclusion. This advocacy included submitting a [comment letter](#) on the rule provisions in September 2024. Over 550 IDSA members also voiced their support for the code directly to CMS through an IDSA Action Alert.

The exact language from [CMS](#) describing the add-on code is:



Visit complexity inherent to hospital inpatient or observation care associated with a confirmed or suspected infectious disease by an infectious diseases specialist, including disease transmission risk assessment and mitigation, public health investigation, analysis, and testing, and complex antimicrobial therapy counseling and treatment (add-on code, list separately in addition to hospital inpatient or observation evaluation and management visit, initial, same day discharge, subsequent or discharge).

What is G0545?

G0545 is a Medicare add-on code specifically aimed at compensating for the added complexity of treating hospitalized infectious disease patients. This add-on code applies to hospital inpatient or observation level of care when an infectious diseases specialist is consulted for a confirmed or suspected infectious disease.

According to CMS, G0545 is an add-on code intended to capture the inherent complexity of infectious disease care in the inpatient or observation setting. It does not require separate documentation beyond the E/M note; however, the note must clearly demonstrate an eligible element of care. The code is not tied to a specific MDM level and may be reported with various hospital E/M services. See the [CY 2025 Physician Fee Schedule Final Rule for more information](#).

Following the initiation of G0545 in January 2025, IDSA launched a survey in September 2025 with a goal of identifying ID provider use of the code, gaps in knowledge, and areas for improvement and education. The survey information, including methodology and key findings, can be found below.

Survey information



Response period: Sept. 6, 2025 – Dec. 31, 2025



Sample Size (number of completed responses): 295 Survey Sample: 7,632



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Sample criteria: IDSA members in the U.S. who have “Patient Care” listed as their primary or secondary activity in the IDSA membership database



Key findings from 2025:

- Almost half of the respondents noted that they use G0545 for their inpatient encounters.
- Among those with access to their data, about half of the respondents noted increased personal and divisional revenue since January 2025.
- A majority of respondents were not able to determine the exact work RVU impact due to code G0545.
- Ongoing education is needed to encourage IDSA members to use G0545 more widely.
- More data is needed regarding Medicare Advantage and private payor coverage.