

Tip Sheet:

ID Add-On Code G0545

Effective for Medicare billing only

What is G0545?

G0545 is an add-on code used to reflect additional complexity and specialized evaluation and management (E/M) performed by providers trained in Infectious Diseases (ID) during hospital inpatient or observation care.

When to Use G0545

- ✓ In addition to base hospital E/M codes:
 - Initial visits: 99221–99223
 - Subsequent visits: 99231–99236
 - Same-day discharge: 99238–99239
- ✓ When infectious disease-specific complexity is documented
- ✓ For each date of service where criteria are met

When NOT to Use G0545

- ✓ Outpatient or clinic visits
- ✓ Telehealth encounters
- ✓ Without clear documentation of ID-related complexity

Who Can Bill G0545?

Reimbursement

- G0545 is reimbursed in addition to the base E/M code
- Work RVU: 0.89, and an additional payment of \$28.80 per use

Audit Readiness

CMS may audit for appropriate use. Ensure:

- ID complexity is well documented
- Justification aligns with infectious disease-specific work
- Each date of service has distinct documentation

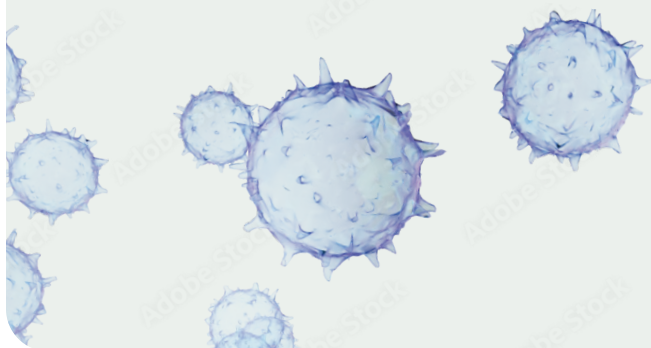
Example Scenarios Where G0545 Applies

- Sepsis with multidrug-resistant organism management
- TB evaluation with coordination with public health
- Fungal infection requiring complex diagnostics
- Ongoing ID consult for hospital-acquired pneumonia

Documentation Tips

Include specifics such as:

- Confirmed or suspected infectious disease diagnoses
- Evaluation and complex decision-making related to infectious diseases
- Management of antimicrobial resistance
- Coordination with labs or public health agencies
- Treatment plan reflecting ID expertise
- No special modifier required; simply add G0545 to your claim with the base E/M code.



“G0545 doesn’t require extra documentation.”



Fact: While it does not require extra documentation, G0545 requires clear, detailed documentation showing the infectious disease-related complexity. Include specifics like:

- Antimicrobial resistance management
- Public health coordination
- Complex diagnostics or therapeutic plans
- Multidrug-resistant organisms.

“You can use G0545 with any payer.”



False!



Fact: G0545 is currently reimbursed by Medicare only. It may also be reimbursed by commercial payors; this should be confirmed by the provider with the commercial payor.

“G0545 requires a modifier.”



False!



Fact: No modifier is needed. Just append G0545 to the appropriate base E/M code (e.g., 99221–99223, 99231–99236, 99238–99239).

