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Types of Hospital Outpatient Locations: PBDs for Therapeutic Services

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Here's a brief description of the different forms of provider-based departments (PBDs). Billing for services provided at PBDs has been disorienting during the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), as CMS has given hospitals flexibility to temporarily relocate PBDs to patient homes, said Valerie Rinkle, president of Valorize Consulting. "It's complicated, and it will play out in audits or cost reports," she said (see story, p. 1).^[1] Contact her at valerie.rinkle@valorizeconsulting.com.

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