TO: School Based Child Health Participating Districts


As an interim measure in response to the Governor’s recent declaration of a public health emergency as the result of the outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus), the Department of Social Services (DSS) is temporarily expanding portions of telemedicine coverage effective for dates of service from March 16, 2020 until the DSS has notified providers in writing that the state has deemed COVID-19 no longer to be a public health emergency or DSS otherwise determines in writing that some or all of these specific measures are no longer needed to help protect the public health (the “Temporary Effective Period”). Please refer to PB 2020-09 for the DSS’s general telemedicine coverage parameters. Except as otherwise specified below, all provisions of PB 2020-09 remain in effect.

Procedure Code | Description
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H0031 | Mental Health Assessment
H2014 | Behavior Modification Services

Please note: Group Occupational and Group Physical Therapy is excluded and cannot be rendered via telemedicine.

Billing and Documentation Guidelines

As noted in PB 2020-09, subject to all other applicable requirements for reimbursement under the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP), the following guidelines apply to all services rendered via telemedicine:

- Reimbursement/payment rates are the same as for equivalent in-person services;
- Documentation must be maintained by the provider to substantiate the services provided;
- Comply with all CMAP requirements that would otherwise apply to the same service performed face-to-face (in-person), including, but not limited to, enrollment, scope of practice, licensure, documentation, billing and other applicable requirements
- If a telehealth service cannot be provided or completed for any reason, such as due to a technical difficulty, providers shall not submit a claim.

School Based Child Health (SBCH):

During the Temporary Effective Period, DSS is adding Medicaid coverage of the following SBCH services when rendered via telemedicine (when such services comply with all other applicable requirements):

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Note: Please carefully review the entirety of this bulletin along with all other provider bulletins and documents (i.e. FAQs) found on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) Website, [https://www.ctdssmap.com/](https://www.ctdssmap.com/).
• Modifier “GT” is used when the member’s originating site is located in a healthcare facility or office; or
• Modifier “95” is used when the member is located in the home.

For questions about billing or if further assistance is needed to access the fee schedules on the CMAP Web site, please contact the Provider Assistance Center, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1-800-842-8440.

HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA):

In a notice issued on March 17, 2020 (posted at this link: https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa-for-professionals/special-topics/emergency-preparedness/notification-enforcement-discretion-telehealth/index.html), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Civil Rights (OCR) posted updated guidance on the enforcement discretion for telehealth remote communications during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Providers should consult with this communication and future communications from OCR regarding their obligations under HIPAA.

Providers must continue to ensure that they comply with all applicable federal requirements and guidance. While the COVID-19 national public emergency may result in exceptions issued by OCR, DSS still recommends that, whenever possible, providers should fully comply with all details of HIPAA privacy and security rule provisions as written in order to best safeguard the privacy and security of protected health information. For more information: https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa-for-professionals/special-topics/emergency-preparedness/index.html and any other federal guidance that may be issued in the future.

Posting Instructions:

Policy transmittals can be downloaded from the Web site at www.ctdssmap.com.

Distribution:
This policy transmittal is being distributed to providers of the CMAP by DXC Technology.

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