
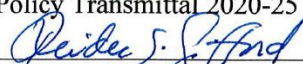


IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING SBCH TELEHEALTH SERVICES

	Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Policy Transmittal 2020-25  Deidre S. Gifford, MD, MPH, Commissioner	Provider Bulletin 2020-26 March 2020 Effective Date: March 16, 2020 Contact: See below
---	--	---

TO: School Based Child Health Participating Districts

RE: CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 11 Emergency SBCH Program Changes

During the **TEMPORARY** effective Period (**beginning March 16, 2020** - until DSS has notified providers in writing that the state has deemed COVID-19 no longer to be a public health emergency), DSS is adding Medicaid coverage of the following SBCH services when rendered via **TELEHEALTH** (when such services comply with all other applicable requirements):

These are the **ONLY** codes that may be used during this temporary effective period:

Procedure Code	Description
90791	Tele-Psychological Diagnostic Interview Evaluation
90832	Tele-Individual Psychotherapy
90847	Tele-Family Psychotherapy
90853	Tele-Group Psychotherapy
92507	Tele-Treatment of Speech, Language, Voice
97110	Tele-OT/PT Individual Therapeutic Procedure
H0031	Tele-Mental Health Assessment
H2014	Tele-Behavior Modification Services

*Note that Group OT and Group PT are excluded and cannot be rendered via telemedicine / telehealth.

**It is important to note that providers do not directly BILL Medicaid under the SBCH program. Therefore, for questions regarding what is 'Billable', please refer providers to their provider type specific Tip Sheet.

Providers are required to comply with all requirements of the SBCH Medicaid program that would otherwise apply to the same service performed face-to-face in the school setting including, but not limited to scope of practice, licensure, documentation and other applicable requirements.

If telehealth services cannot be provided or completed for any reason, such as due to a technical difficulty, providers should log the service as a 'Note-non billable' item in the service portal. Sessions not fully completed due to technical issue should not be logged using a procedure code listed above.

While the COVID-19 national public emergency may result in exceptions issued by the Office of Civil Rights (OCR), DSS still recommends that, whenever possible, providers should fully comply with all details of HIPAA privacy and security rule provision as written in order to best safeguard the privacy and security of protected health information. If providers have questions pertaining to HIPAA, please consult with your district Special Education Director, Supervisor, or Medicaid Coordinator. Directors, Supervisors, and Medicaid Coordinators should refer to Provider Bulletin 2020-09 for information pertaining to HIPAA and Related Requirements (page 6). Policy transmittals can be downloaded from the State secure website at www.ctdssmap.com.

Additional Q&A information has been provided to district Medicaid Coordinators and Directors for internal use and sharing with related service providers.

Questions pertaining to the information above may be directed to any of the CT Account Managers:

Kathy Blackwood, kblackwood@compuclaim.com

Michael Dunkle, mdunkle@compuclaim.com

Tiffany Guinan, tguinan@compuclaim.com