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TELEHEALTH PROGRAM UPDATES

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BACKGROUND

Effective October 1, 2015, Maryland Medicaid will reimburse approved providers for services rendered to Maryland Medicaid participants via the Maryland Medicaid Telehealth Program. The Maryland Medicaid Telehealth Program combines Maryland Medicaid's Telemedicine and Telemental Health Programs. The Telehealth Program serves Maryland Medicaid participants regardless of geographic location within Maryland.

All Telehealth Program providers must be enrolled as Maryland Medicaid providers, submit a Telehealth Provider Addendum, and be approved by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene before rendering telehealth services. Program-approved telehealth service arrangements must declare specific relationships between originating and distant site providers on the Telehealth Provider Addendum. Standard preauthorization procedures apply.

Telemental health services providers *and* participants must be registered with Maryland Medicaid's behavioral health administrative services organization (ASO), ValueOptions, Inc. (a subsidiary of Beacon Health Options) before rendering or receiving telemental health services.

Any telemental health or telemedicine providers currently participating in their respective programs do not need to re-enroll under the Maryland Medicaid Telehealth Program.

SERVICE DELIVERY

Originating Sites

Maryland Medicaid will approve the following as originating sites of service for telehealth service delivery:

- A college or university student health or counseling office;
- An elementary, middle, high, or technical school with a supported nursing, counseling or medical office;
- A local health department;
- A FQHC;
- A hospital, including the emergency department;
- A nursing facility;
- A private office (physician, psychiatric nurse practitioner, nurse practitioner, or nurse midwife);
- An outpatient mental health center;
- A renal dialysis center; or
- A residential crisis services site.



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Covered Services for Originating Sites

Approved originating site providers may bill for the following:

- Medically necessary office or other outpatient services that are distinct from the telehealth services provided by a consulting provider; and
- A telehealth originating site transmission fee; or
- If a Maryland hospital, the appropriate revenue code; or
- If an out-of-state hospital, a telehealth originating site transmission fee

Distant sites

Originating site providers may engage in agreements with the following distant site providers in Maryland, the District of Columbia, or a contiguous state for telehealth consultation services:

- A nurse midwife;
- A nurse practitioner;
- A psychiatric nurse practitioner; or
- A physician.

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BILLING

Per COMAR 10.09.02.04, providers may only bill for services that they or their employees perform. Providers may not bill Maryland Medicaid on behalf of other providers with whom they participate in telehealth service arrangements.

All telehealth providers must bill the appropriate CPT code or revenue codes with a –GT modifier when billing for services provided via telehealth. The –GT modifier indicates the services were provided via interactive audio and video telecommunications systems.

Billing for Originating Sites (Office)

Using the –GT modifier, approved originating site providers may bill for telehealth services using one of the telehealth service delivery arrangements described on the following page.



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Arrangement One:

- HCPCS code Q3014 for the originating site transmission fee if only acting as telepresenter;
or

Arrangement Two:

- HCPCS code Q3014 for the originating site transmission fee; **and**
- Evaluation and management (E&M) codes 99201-99205; 99211-99215 for community outpatient services; or 99281-99288 for emergency room outpatient services*; or
- Psychotherapy codes 90832, 90834, 90833 (add-on code), and 90836 (add-on code); or
- OMHC counseling codes per the Public Behavioral Health System Fee Schedule (OMHCs only)

**Arrangement two is permissible at originating sites only when the rendering provider is qualified to bill for E&M for specialty mental health services and those services are provided separately from the services delivered by the distant site provider.*

Please note FQHCs should bill T1015 as originating site providers.

Billing for Originating Sites (Hospital)

Using the –GT modifier, approved originating site providers may bill the following:

- For the standard in-state hospital facility fee, revenue code 0780 ONLY
- For out-of-state hospital facility fee, HCPCS code Q3014

Billing for Distant Sites (All Billers)

Using the –GT modifier, approved distant sites may bill the following:

- 90791 or 90792 for psychiatric diagnostic interview; or
- Psychotherapy codes 90832, 90834, 90833 (add-on code), and 90836 (add-on code); or
- Medication management using the appropriate E&M code from 99201-99215.

The Maryland Medicaid Telehealth Program is subject to COMAR 10.09.49.

CONTACT

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