



PROVIDER ALERT

Update to Telehealth Addendum Requests for ABA Services

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This notice is to alert **ABA PROVIDERS** that the process for requesting telehealth services has changed. As noted in the Maryland Department for Health (MDH) [Public Health Emergency Extension](#) (released on July 24, 2020), telehealth for ABA and other behavioral health services has been extended to **at least** October 23, 2020.

At this time, ABA Providers will **no longer** be required to submit telehealth addendum requests to Optum Maryland ABA team when utilizing telehealth services. Providers will continue to be required to bill with the appropriate modifier (GT) to indicate that a service was rendered via telehealth.

Providers must also bill with **place of service 11** when rendering telehealth services, since place of service 02 is not a valid place of service for Maryland providers.

ABA Providers can continue to render up to 100% of 97155 (direction of technician) services via telehealth using HIPAA compliant technology during the state of emergency.

If you have questions regarding the information in this alert, please contact Optum Provider Relations at marylandproviderrelations@optum.com.

Thank you,

Optum Maryland Team