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MEMORANDUM

To: Nevada Medicaid Providers
From: Suzanne Bierman, JD, Administrator
Subject: Telehealth Services

During such a critical time to provide continuity of care, the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy is providing informational support and direction when delivering services to Medicaid recipients.

The majority of Medical services can be delivered via telehealth with the exception of Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR), Basic Skills Training (BST), Group therapy, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy and medical services which require direct contact with the patient. Telehealth should be utilized when possible to minimize the risk of both patients and providers. While existing policy excluded standard telephone due to Federal Regulations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has released the following guidance: *Medicaid already provides a great deal of flexibility to states that wish to use telehealth services in their programs. States can cover telehealth using various methods of communication such as telephonic, video technology commonly available on smart phones and other devices. No federal approval is needed for state Medicaid programs to reimburse providers for telehealth services in the same manner or at the same rate that states pay for face-to-face services.*

Medicaid Services Manual Chapter 3400

http://dhcfp.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dhcfpnvgov/content/Resources/AdminSupport/Manuals/MSM/C3400/MSM_3400_17_07_27.pdf and the billing guide https://www.medicaid.nv.gov/Downloads/provider/NV_Billing_Telehealth.pdf state:

The DHCFP reimburses for telehealth services. The originating site must be located within the state. "Telehealth" is defined as the delivery of service from a provider of health care to a patient at a different location through the use of information and audio-visual communication technology, not including standard telephone, facsimile or electronic mail. Services provided via telehealth must be clinically appropriate and within the health care professional's scope of practice as established by its licensing agency. Services provided via telehealth have parity with in-person health care services. Health care professionals must follow the appropriate Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) policy for the specific service they are providing. If the originating site is enrolled as a Nevada Medicaid provider, they may bill HCPCS code Q3014 (Telehealth originating site facility fee).

Please note due to today's federal guidance the telephonic restriction will be lifted temporarily. The Divisions desire is for providers to continue to provide services to meet the client's level of need and if there are follow up questions regarding billing, DHCFP staff is happy to help with technical assistance dhcfp@dhcfp.nv.gov. Please title your email telehealth technical assistance.