

July 30, 2020

TELEHEALTH SERVICES DURING THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) RESPONSE

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

Community will allow telehealth for Behavioral Health services rendered between **March 20, 2020** through **October 23, 2020**.

- Limited to the following services:
 - Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation: 90791, 90792
 - Psychotherapy: 90832, 90834, 90837, 90846, 90847, 90853
 - Peer Specialist Services: H0038
 - Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT): H0049, G2011, 99408
 - Substance Use Disorder Services: H0001, H0004, H0005
 - Mental Health Rehabilitation services: H0034, H2011, H2012, H2014, H2017
- Covered telehealth service delivery modalities include those providing an interactive audiovisual connection to the Member and telephone-only delivered behavioral health services
- Modifier 95 is required to indicate telehealth service delivery.
- Existing authorizations do not need to be updated for modifier 95 or place of service codes. Place of service on existing authorizations may vary between home, office, and telehealth for an unknown timeframe. For place of service other than telehealth, Providers should submit claims with the place of service that was requested initially on the authorization or if it is solely telehealth, place of service 02 should be used.
- Refer to the following sources for additional information:
 - [Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Behavioral Health and Case Management Services Handbook](#)
 - [Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Telecommunication Services Handbook](#)

APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (ABA) THERAPY *(APPLIES TO MARKETPLACE ONLY)*

Community will temporarily allow telehealth for ABA Therapy for services rendered between **March 20, 2020** through **October 23, 2020**.

- Limited to established Members receiving ABA therapy with an existing approved prior authorization on file.
- Covered telehealth service delivery modalities are limited to those providing an interactive audiovisual connection to the Member.
 - Supporting assessment/reassessment performed by the Behavioral Technician (nonclinical): 97152

- Supervision between the licensed Behavioral Health Provider and the Behavior Technician: 97155
- Parent group training: 97156
- Multi-family group behavioral treatment: 97157
- Mental health service plan development: H0032
- Direct behavior support by Behavior Technician: 97153
- Initial assessments (97151) limited to treatment plan updates / reassessment by the licensed Behavioral Health Provider
- The following services are not covered:
 - Telephone-only services or those delivered via live chat are not covered.
 - Group adaptive treatment by the Behavior Technician (97154) is not a covered telehealth service.
 - Group adaptive behavior treatment by the licensed Behavioral Health Provider (97158) is not a covered telehealth service
- For new Members needing urgent services, a higher level of care may be more appropriate to treat acute and imminent risk of harm to self and/or others.