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COVID-19: TELEPHONE (AUDIO-ONLY) SERVICES – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

MEDICAID/CHIP

BACKGROUND

Providers may bill to receive Medicaid reimbursement for the following behavioral health services delivered by **telephone** (audio only) from **March 20, 2020, through January 31, 2022** for Psychiatric Diagnostic Evaluation, Psychotherapy, Peer Specialist Services, Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT), Substance Use Disorder Services, and Mental Health Rehabilitation services.

KEY DETAILS

To help ensure continuity of care during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) response, HHSC is authorizing providers to bill the following codes for telephone (audio-only) delivered behavioral health services from **March 20, 2020, through January 31, 2022**:

- 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: H0034, H2011, H2012, H2014, H2017

Providers should continue to use the 95 modifier to indicate that remote delivery has occurred.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Providers can refer to the *Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Behavioral Health and Case Management Services Handbook* for additional information about Texas Medicaid behavioral health benefits, as well as the *Telecommunication Services*.

RESOURCES

http://www.tmhp.com/Pages/Medicaid/Medicaid_Publications_ProviderManual_Current.aspx