



**Maryland Medical Assistance Program
Telehealth Updated Guidance Memorandum**

To: All Medicaid OT/PT/Speech and EPSDT Providers; HealthChoice Managed Care Organizations

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NOTE: Please ensure appropriate staff members in your organization are informed of the contents of this memorandum.

Background

On March 5, 2020, Governor Larry J. Hogan, Jr., declared a state of emergency due to disease (“COVID-19”) caused by the novel coronavirus. An outbreak of disease due to COVID-19 first occurred in the Hubei Province, China, in late 2019, and has currently been detected in more than 109 countries, including the United States. COVID-19 is a severe respiratory disease, resulting in illness or death, caused by person-to-person spread of the novel coronavirus.

Telehealth Program Guidance

The Maryland Department of Health Medical Assistance Program (“Maryland Medicaid”) has recently updated the billing codes for its Telehealth Program for certain provider types. These changes are effective as of March 5, 2020, and will remain in place after the end of the state of emergency.

Below is a list of procedure codes for physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech language pathology, and nutritional counseling services that may be appropriate to be provided via telehealth. Please note that occupational therapy, speech therapy, and nutritional counseling services are only covered for Medicaid participants under the age of 21 unless the participant is enrolled in the Rare and Expensive Case Management (REM) Program. Services delivered via telehealth using two-way audio-visual technology assisted communication should be billed using the “-GT” modifier. None of the services listed below requires prior authorization from Maryland Medicaid.

Maryland Medicaid Fee-For-Service Approved Telehealth - Physical Therapy Services

Procedure Code	Description	Maximum Number of Units	Maximum Payment
97161	Physical Therapy Evaluation, Low complexity, 20 minutes	1	\$69.20
97162	Physical Therapy Evaluation, Moderate complexity, 30 minutes	1	\$69.20
97164	Physical Therapy Re-Evaluation, Established plan of care	1	\$47.19
97014	Electrical Stimulation (unattended)	1	\$12.52
97110	Therapeutic Procedure, each 15-minutes	4	\$29.03
97112	Neuromuscular Reeducation	4	\$26.58
97116	Gait Training	4	\$22.08
97750	Physical performance test or measurement, each 15 minutes	3	\$25.72

Maryland Medicaid Fee-For-Service Approved Telehealth - Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) Occupational Therapy Services

Procedure Code	Description	Maximum Number of Units	Maximum Payment
97165	Occupational Therapy Evaluation, Low complexity, 30 minutes	1	\$ 67.01
97166	Occupational Therapy Evaluation, Moderate complexity, 45 minutes	1	\$67.01
97168	Occupational Therapy Re-Evaluation, Established plan of care	1	\$ 44.34
97530	Therapeutic Activities, each 15 minutes	4	\$30.56

Maryland Medicaid Fee-For-Service Approved Telehealth - EPSDT Speech Language Pathology Services

Procedure Code	Description	Maximum Number of Units	Maximum Payment
92507	Individual	1	\$ 63.99
92508	Group	1	\$ 26.13
92521	Evaluation of speech fluency	1	\$ 91.35
92522	Evaluation of speech sound production	1	\$74.00
92523	Evaluation of speech sound production with evaluation of language comprehension and expression	1	\$153.97
92524	Behavioral and qualitative analysis of voice and resonance	1	\$77.40
92526	Treatment of swallowing dysfunction and/or oral function for feeding	1	\$80.85
92607	Evaluation for prescription for speech-generating augmentative and alternative communication device, face-to-face with patient, first hour	1	\$121.74
92608	Evaluation for prescription for speech-generating augmentative and alternative communication device, face-to-face with patient, each additional 30 minutes	4	\$41.53
92609	Therapeutic services for the use of speech-generating device, including programming and modification	1	\$86.26
92630	Auditory rehabilitation; pre-lingual hearing loss	1	\$63.99
92633	Auditory rehabilitation; post-lingual hearing loss	1	\$63.99

Maryland Medicaid Fee-For-Service Approved Telehealth - EPSDT Nutritional Counseling Services

Procedure Code	Description	Maximum Number of Units	Maximum Payment
97802	Nutrition Assessment and intervention	4	\$30.03
97803	Nutrition Re-assessment and intervention	4	\$26.35
97804	Group Nutrition Service	1	\$13.55

For these services, audio-only or telephonic services would not be reimbursable.

For guidance regarding flexibilities in delivering telehealth services during the COVID-19 state of emergency please see the following pages:

- COVID-19 #1: Temporary Expansion of Medicaid Regulations to Permit Delivery of Telehealth Services to the Home - March 11, 2020: https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/SiteAssets/pages/home/COVID-19.1_Telehealth%20Guidance_Neall.pdf
- Medicaid-related COVID-19 guidance (additional updates regarding telehealth services may be posted in the future): <https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/Pages/home.aspx>

For additional guidance, including additional billing information, please see the following pages:

- For Medicaid-related information and guidance, visit <https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/Pages/home.aspx>.
- For Maryland Medicaid’s Telehealth Program information, visit <https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/Pages/telehealth.aspx>.
- For EPSDT information, visit <https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/epsdt/Pages/Home.aspx>
- For questions about the Coronavirus, visit our website at coronavirus.maryland.gov.