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Teleservice Update

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COVID-19 Flexibilities

Telemedicine and Telehealth Services

- Telephone (audio-only) medical services.
- Telephone (audio-only) behavioral health services.
- FQHC telemedicine and telehealth services.
- RHC telemedicine and telehealth services.
- Telehealth physical, occupational, and speech therapies.
- Telemedicine THSteps medical checkups.



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Implementation Activities

- Initial medical policy and TMPPM amendments.
- Considering additional medical policy and TMPPM amendments to formalize coverage expectations for managed care.
- March 2020 MCO contract amendments.
- FQHC telemedicine and telehealth services reimbursement.
- Administrative rule project.



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Implementation Activities

- Medical policy and TMPPM amendments for pediatric telemonitoring benefit.
- Cost-savings analysis for biennial report.
- Administrative rule project.



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Upcoming Projects

Non-Legislative Projects

- Biennial report on telemedicine, telehealth, telemonitoring services.
- COVID-19 policy flexibility transition.



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Staffing Updates

- Telemedicine and telehealth services
 - Morgan Goldstein (primary)
 - Erin McManus (secondary)
- Telemonitoring services
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 - Carina Luther (secondary)



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Thank you

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