



Maryland Medical Assistance Program
IEP/IFSP Provider Alert
Follow-up Guidance on Telephone Telehealth Services
and Expansion of Medicaid Telehealth Regulations

On March 11 and March 21, the Maryland Department of Health Medical Assistance Program (“Maryland Medicaid”) updated its Telehealth Program for certain provider types and to permit a distant site to deliver certain health care services to an individual in their own home. These changes are effective as of March 5, 2020, and will remain in place until the end of the state of emergency.

- COVID-19 #1 -- [Expansion of Medicaid Telehealth Regulations -- March 11, 2020](#)
- COVID-19 #4a -- [Authorization of Telephone Telehealth Services for General Health Care Services -- March 21, 2020](#)
- COVID-19 #4b -- [Authorization of Telephone Telehealth Services for Behavioral Health Services -- March 21, 2020](#)
- COVID-19 #4c -- [Authorization of Telephone Telehealth Services for Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services -- March 21, 2020](#)

As our partners respond with clarifying questions to this temporary guidance, the Medicaid Program is releasing this document to provide further information.

Below is the list of procedure codes for psychotherapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech language pathology, and nutritional counseling services that may be provided by Part B (IEP) and Part C (IFSP) providers via telehealth if the services are identified on the child’s IEP/IFSP. Providers must continue to follow the frequency outlined in the IEP/IFSP or the IEP/IFSP must be amended. Documentation rules and regulations already in place must be followed (see the Medicaid School-Based Provider Manual at: <https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/epsdt/Pages/Home.aspx>).

Maryland Medicaid will not require prior authorization for the services listed below. Providers must bill services delivered via telehealth using two-way audiovisual technology assisted communication using the “GT” modifier.

Nursing, audiology, therapeutic behavior service, and transportation services are not billable through a telehealth model. All service coordination procedures (T1023, T1023-TG, T2022, W9322, W9323, and W9324) have an audio-only component and may continue to be provided and billed in this manner. Providers may render individual psychotherapy services (90832 and 90834) using audio-only technology.

Maryland Medicaid Fee-for-Service Approved IEP/IFSP Telehealth Services– Psychotherapy		
Procedure Code	Procedure Description	Qualified Provider
90791	Psychiatric Diagnostic Interview	Licensed Psychiatrist Licensed Psychologist LCSW-C LCPC Licensed Nurse Psychotherapist
90832	Individual psychotherapy	Licensed Psychiatrist Licensed Psychologist Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical Licensed Professional Counselor Licensed Nurse Psychotherapist
90834	Individual psychotherapy	Licensed Psychiatrist Licensed Psychologist Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical Licensed Professional Counselor Licensed Nurse Psychotherapist
90847	Family psychotherapy	Licensed Psychiatrist Licensed Psychologist Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical Licensed Professional Counselor Licensed Nurse Psychotherapist

Maryland Medicaid Fee-for-Service Approved IEP/IFSP Telehealth Services – Speech Therapy		
Procedure Code	Procedure Description	Qualified Provider
92507	Individual speech therapy	Licensed Speech Pathologist or Licensed Speech Pathology Assistant
92508	Group speech therapy	Licensed Speech Pathologist or Licensed Speech Pathology Assistant
92521	Evaluation of speech fluency	Licensed Speech Pathologist
92522	Evaluation of speech sound production	Licensed Speech Pathologist
92523	Evaluation of speech sound production with evaluation of language comprehension & expression	Licensed Speech Pathologist

Maryland Medicaid Fee-for-Service Approved IEP/IFSP Telehealth Services – Speech Therapy

Procedure Code	Procedure Description	Qualified Provider
92523 with -52 Modifier	Evaluation of language comprehension & expression	Licensed Speech Pathologist
92524	Behavioral & qualitative analysis of voice & resonance	Licensed Speech Pathologist

Maryland Medicaid Fee-for-Service Approved IEP/IFSP Telehealth Services– Physical Therapy

Procedure Code	Procedure Description	Qualified Provider
97161	Physical therapy evaluation, Low complexity, 20 min	Licensed Physical Therapist
97162	Physical therapy evaluation, Moderate complexity, 30 min	Licensed Physical Therapist
97164	Physical therapy re-evaluation, Established plan of care	Licensed Physical Therapist
97110	Physical therapy service	Licensed Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant

Maryland Medicaid Fee-for-Service Approved IEP/IFSP Telehealth Services– Occupational Therapy

Procedure Code	Procedure Description	Qualified Procedure
97165	Occupational therapy evaluation, low intensity, 30 min	Licensed Occupational Therapist
97166	Occupational therapy evaluation, Moderate intensity, 45 min	Licensed Occupational Therapist
97168	Occupational therapy re-evaluation	Licensed Occupational Therapist
97530	Occupational therapy service	Licensed Occupational Therapist or Licensed Occupational Therapy Assistant

Maryland Medicaid Fee-for-Service Approved IEP/IFSP Telehealth Services – Nutrition Services

Procedure Code	Procedure Description	Qualified Professional
97802	Nutrition assessment & intervention	Licensed Dietitian/ Nutritionist
97803	Nutrition re-assessment & intervention	Licensed Dietitian/ Nutritionist

Maryland Medicaid Fee-for-Service Approved IEP/IFSP Telehealth Services – IEP/IFSP

Procedure Code	Procedure Description	Qualified Provider
T1023-TG	Initial IEP/IFSP	Qualified Service Coordinator per COMAR 10.09.40 or COMAR 10.09.52
T1023	Periodic IEP/IFSP Review	Qualified Service Coordinator per COMAR 10.09.40 or COMAR 10.09.52
T2022	Ongoing Service Coordination	Qualified Service Coordinator per COMAR 10.09.40 or COMAR 10.09.52

Maryland Medicaid Fee for Service Approved IEP/IFSP Telehealth Services – Service Coordination/Case Management Services for the Autism Waiver

Procedure Code	Procedure Description	Qualified Provider
W9322	Initial Autism Waiver Plan of Care	Qualified Service Coordinator per COMAR 10.09.52
W9323	Ongoing Autism Waiver Service Coordination	Qualified Service Coordinator per COMAR 10.09.52
W9324	Autism Waiver Plan of Care Reassessment; Risk Assessment	Qualified Service Coordinator per COMAR 10.09.52

Clarification of Previous Guidance

Parental Consent to Bill Medicaid for IEP/IFSP Services: At this time, Maryland Medicaid will accept verbal parental consent in lieu of written consent. However, Autism Waiver participants must still provide consent for Plans of Care in writing. Providers should read all elements of the consent document to the parent prior to obtaining their verbal consent. Documentation of how the parent consented is required. This should be followed up in the future, with written consent, noting the date verbal consent was granted.

Notification of a Change in Service Coordinator: During the state of emergency Maryland Medicaid will allow schools to provide verbal notification of a change in service coordinator in lieu of the written requirement. Documentation of how the parent was notified of the change in service coordinator is required. Providers are encouraged to follow up this contact in writing through the mail or email.

Supervision: Supervision of lesser qualified providers is still required but may be conducted via telehealth. Co-treatment may also be provided via telehealth.

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
- COVID-19 #4b: Temporary Authorization of Audio-Only Health Care Services to Mitigate Possible Spread of Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) Executive Order No. 20-03-20-01 - March 21, 2020
https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/Medicaid%20COVID19/COVID-19%20%204b_Telephonic%20Services%20Guidance_3.21.20%20Final.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 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.

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