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TELEHEALTH PROVIDER ALERT SUD Providers as Distant Sites

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Effective October 1, 2017, opioid treatment programs and community-based substance use disorder programs may register with Maryland Medicaid as distant site providers eligible to perform services via telehealth. As registered distant sites, substance use disorder treatment providers may perform assessments (H0001) and individual therapy (H0004) via telehealth and bill for such services using the telehealth –GT modifier. Services provided via telehealth are subject to the same program restrictions, preauthorizations, requirements and coverage that exist for the service when provided in person.

Maryland Medicaid employs a “hub-and-spoke” delivery model. The “hub”, or “distant site”, is the location of the medical specialist who provides consultation services to the “spoke”, or “originating site”, where the patient is located. Communication between the originating and distant sites involves real-time interaction via a secure, two-way audio and video telecommunication system.

Enrolled Medicaid providers must register to be reimbursed for services delivered via telehealth. To register, visit the telehealth webpage at <https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/Pages/telehealth.aspx>.

To bill for services via telehealth, communications must occur through real-time interaction via a secure, two-way audio and video telecommunication system. For specific information about technical requirements, please review Frequently Asked Questions document on the telehealth webpage.



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For more information about Maryland Medicaid's Telehealth Program, please review COMAR 10.09.49 Telehealth Services, and the Telehealth Manual accessible via the telehealth webpage above.

For additional information or questions about Maryland Medicaid's Telehealth Program, please email mdh.telemedicineinfo@maryland.gov.