WSC ADVISORY #2020-013 PROVIDER CODES FOR TELEMEDICINE DURING COVID-19

MANDATORY ACTION

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This advisory informs Waiver Support Coordinators (WSCs) of new procedure codes in the iBudget system to use for providers who deliver therapy services via telemedicine due to COVID-19. WSCs are responsible for ensuring that the cost plan is updated with these codes and service authorizations are issued when a therapy provider needs to deliver services via telemedicine due to COVID-19. These services include occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, behavioral services, and specialized mental health counseling.

This table shows the service, current code, and the new telemedicine code:

Service Description	CURRENT PROCEDURE CODE	NEW TELEMEDICINE CODE
Behavior Analysis - Level 1	H2019UCHP	H2019UCHPGT
Behavior Analysis - Level 2	H2019UCHO	H2019UCHOGT
Behavior Analysis - Level 3	H2019UCHN	H2019UCHNGT
Occupational Therapy	97530UC	97530UCGT
Occupational Therapy - Evaluation - 30 minutes	97165GOUC	97165GOUCGT
Occupational Therapy - Evaluation - 45 minutes	97166GOUC	97166GOUCGT
Occupational Therapy - Evaluation, established plan of care - 60 minutes	97167GOUC	97167GOUCGT
Occupational Therapy - Re-Evaluation	97168GOUC	97168GOUCGT
Physical Therapy	97110UC	97110UCGT
Physical Therapy - Evaluation - 20 minutes	97161GPUC	97161GPUCGT
Physical Therapy - Evaluation - 30 minutes	97162GPUC	97162GPUCGT
Physical Therapy - Evaluation - 45 minutes	97163GPUC	97163GPUCGT
Physical Therapy - Re-Evaluation	97164GPUC	97164GPUCGT
Speech Therapy	92507UC	92507UCGT
Speech Therapy - Assessment - Evaluation of Speech Fluency	92521UC	92521UCGT
Speech Therapy – Assessment - Evaluation of Speech Sound Production	92522UC	92522UCGT
Speech Therapy - Assessment - Evaluation of Speech Sound Production, Language Comprehension, and Expression	92523UC	92523UCGT

Speech Therapy - Assessment - Behavioral and	92524UC	92524UCGT
Qualitative Analysis of Voice and Resonance		
Specialized Mental Health Counseling	H0046UC	H0046UCGT

To ensure accurate codes, WSCs should take the following steps:

- 1. Work with the Regional Office to add the new service code as a preapproved service.
- 2. End the service authorization for the previous code and remove unused units.
- 3. Create a new service plan with the new telemedicine code. These authorizations can be activated for 30 days at a time.

More information regarding telemedicine requirements for therapies can be found in the Florida Medicaid Health Care Alert, <u>Telemedicine Guidance for Therapy Services and Early Intervention Services</u>.

More information regarding telemedicine requirements for behavior analysis can be found in the Florida Medicaid Health Care Alert, <u>Updated COVID-19 Telemedicine Guidance for Behavior Analysis</u> Services.

For information and resources related to COVID-19 for WSCs, providers, and APD clients, please visit <u>apdcares.org/covid19</u>.