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| Purpose: | Update Providers on Telemedicine Services including Audio-only |
| Subject: | Update to Telemedicine Services |
| Products: | MMA, FHK |
| From: | Provider Relations |

Aetna Better Health® of Florida UPDATE - Telemedicine Services

Dear Providers.

- 1. Aetna Better Health of Florida members can continue to receive audio-only telephone services.
 - As of May 11, 2023, Florida Medicaid stopped covering audio-only telemedicine calls due to end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Declaration.
 - The Florida Legislature recently updated House Bill No. 267 to no longer exclude audio-only telephone calls. This change is set to take place effective July 1, 2023.
 - In order to ensure that there is no interruption to our members prior to the House Bill No. 267 update, Aetna Better Health of Florida will continue to cover audio-only telephone calls to prevent any gap in coverage. Providers can continue billing for audio-only telephone calls and claims will be processed for payment accordingly.

Audio-only Telephone E/M Service CPT Codes:

| 99441 | 5-10 minute medical discussion |
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| 99442 | 11-20 minute medical discussion |
| 99443 | 21-30 minute medical discussion |

- 2. Aetna Better Health of Florida will allow all services listed on the <u>Florida Medicaid Community</u> Behavioral Health Fee Schedule to be delivered via telemedicine.
 - Providers must include <u>modifier GT</u> for telemedicine services delivered using interactive audio and video equipment permitting two-way, real time, interactive communication

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• If provider is unable to provide telemedicine service using two-way, real time, interactive communication, provider may render service via telephone or other real-time interactive audio-only telecommunications systems - **modifier 93** must be appended to the service

For more information on the Agency's telemedicine coverage, please refer to the Agency's <u>Telemedicine</u> rule (59G-1.057).

Thank you for your continued participation in the Aetna Better Health of Florida network. Please contact our Provider Services line should you have any questions at:

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Thank you,

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