2020 - 2022 TELEHEALTH TIMELINE

Jan 31, 2020

March 13, 2020 Mid March 2020 March 17, 2020

telehealth

flexibilities

April 30, 2020

Late July 2020

January 14, 2022

April 13, 2022

HHS Secretary Azar declares a public health emergency

(PHE)

President declares a national health emergency COVID-19

Most commercial payors waive patient cost share for COVID-19 diagnosis and treatment and some waive cost share for all

telehealth

regardless

of diagnosis

visits

HHS waivers announces expansion

• eliminates geographic restrictions-added patient home as originating site

CMS issues first Interim

Final Rule (1744-IFC):

March 31, 2020

- adds telephone calls and other services to the approved telehealth list (80 new codes)
- approves non-HIPAA compliant video platforms like FaceTime or Zoom (not public-facing platforms)
- allows for new and established patients
- allows 99201-99215 billed by MDM or Time

CMS issues second Interim Final Rule (5531-IFC):

- Adds telephone calls to CMS approved telehealth list
- Increases wRVU and reimbursement for telephone calls
- Adds PT, OT, SLP as providers
- Adds more "telephone only" services for certain CPT codes
- CMS states will now use same level times as listed in CPT
- additional teachina physician auideline update for telehealth

• "Phase four" Most commercial leaislation package from payors update cost Congress set to share end arrive with policy dates, and add discussing additional post-pandemic end dates telehealth for other service services changes

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Medicaid

plans and

Medicare

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health) and

- Expansion and allocation of more Provider relief funds and other programs
- 2021 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule proposed rule

HHS Secretary Becerra extends the public health emergency (PHE) through April 16, 2022

Appropriations Act of 2022 signed into law. Flexibility for an additional 151 days after PHE ends for:

March 14, 2022

- Patient location (home still eligible)
- •Temp Provider types can provide services (e.g., PT/OT/SLP, audiologists, dieticians)
- Coverage of audio-only visits
- Waiver of in-person visit for mental health

HHS Secretary Becerra extends the public health emergency (PHE) through July 15, 2022