Optimizing Your SBAP Potential while functioning in a Virtual Setting

FY2020-2021 Statewide Training

Public Consulting Group
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Related Service Documentation
Change

• Service delivery via Telemedicine

Impact

• Documentation in EasyTrac and via Import

When logging services delivered via “Telemedicine” choose the appropriate “Service Type”
Related Service Documentation

Service Delivery via Telemedicine

1. For dates of service on or after March 16, 2020, the following SBAP services may be provided via telemedicine and billed for payment:
   - Occupational Therapy
   - Physical Therapy
   - Speech Therapy
   - Social Work and Counseling
   - Psychological
   - Psychiatric

2. For dates of service on or after July 1, 2020, the following additional SBAP services may be provided via telemedicine and billed for payment:
   - Audiology
   - Physician
   - Teachers of the Hearing Impaired
   - Orientation and Mobility
Related Service Documentation

Service Delivery via Telemedicine Requirements

3. All therapy services must be provided over an audio-visual connection.
   • Asynchronous delivery is not billable through Medical Assistance.

4. All other SBAP program requirements must be met (i.e., MA eligibility, service documented in IEP, completed MPAF).

5. The service is to be rendered in conformance with the full description of the procedure code, in a clinically appropriate manner, and to the extent that it would have been rendered if the visit had occurred in person.
   • Treatment Key/Areas Covered Assessed assist in outlining tasks covered as reimbursable within the related service.
Related Service Documentation, cont'd

**Change**
- Decrease in service documentation due to allowable service via telemedicine

**Impact**
- Decrease or no transportation reimbursement

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**Service Documentation for Billable Services**

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Note: Special transportation services must be provided on the same date of service that an MA-covered service, required by the student’s IEP, is received, resulting in a paid direct service claim.
Medical Practitioner Authorization Forms

**Change**
- MPAF extension and guidelines

**Impact**
- Provide additional time to obtain, still required

- MPAFs issued prior to the public health emergency (PHE) will be considered current through the end date of the PHE
  - 60-day extension granted beyond the end of the PHE to obtain a new MPAF
- Health-related services on the IEP and MPAF may be delivered and claimed during PHE
- NO action required by LEA for extension
- New health-related services on the IEP require a new MPAF
- Reference: June 2020 DHS Bulletin

Note: Prescriptions and MPAFs may be completed using electronic signature. See Sections 4.2 and 5.3 the SBAP Provider Handbook for requirements for use of electronic signature.
Revalidation Requirement

**Change**
- Medical Assistance Revalidation

**Impact**
- Participant Status and Claim Submission during Public Health Emergency

- Required every 5 years
- Provider Type 35 Application (paper only)
- Lapse in Revalidation will result in claim denials
- Payments cannot be made retroactively.
- Authorizing Providers are also required to revalidate
- Pennsylvania MA Bulletin

- During PHE, Medicaid Providers will not be closed due to non-revalidation
- Claims will continue to process for payment
- LEAs should still complete required application as soon as possible
- Reference: Quick Tip 240
Change

• Prudent Pay Waiver Remit/Claim Status

Impact

• Claims will be paid in the next financial cycle after the claim is approved for payment.

Note: All claims must still meet all other billing requirements before payment.
Signature of SBAP-Supporting Documentation

Change

• Electronic Signature

Impact

• Use of electronic signatures in lieu of physical signatures

- Permitted by the SBAP
- District/LEA may use their own, internal electronic signature process
- Must be in accordance with Electronic Transaction Act (73 P. S. § 2260.101 – 2260.5101)
- Identifies the individual signing the document by his or her name and title
- Ensures the document cannot be altered after the signature has been affixed by limiting access to the code or key sequence
- Provides an audit trail that validates the signer’s identity
Signature of SBAP-Supporting Documentation, cont’d

- Acceptable methods of signature in lieu of in-person meetings
- SBAP requires a current, valid IEP that meets PDE standards
- **COVID-19 Updates and Information from the Bureau of Special Education (BSE)**
  - Answers to FAQs and Guidance: COVID-19 Compensatory Services
  - Answers to FAQs and Guidance: Evaluations & Reevaluations
  - Answers to FAQs: Additional Information Regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic from BSE
  - Special Education and Preschool Early Intervention Evaluations and Virtual Assessment Guidance

• IEP Process

• PDE Guidance
Random Moment Time Study
Change

- Calendars

Impact

- Include expanded or reduced moment eligible days

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<td>Any day instruction is provided on a day where participants are expected to be working (i.e. in-service, professional development, teacher institutes, etc.). If students are on split or alternating schedules they are still in session, whether it be in the physical school building or online. Online learning or a hybrid of online/in-person instruction.</td>
<td>LEA is completely shut down and no participants are working in any capacity on certain days. After the Calendar is certified, if the district closes, with no working staff, day(s) can be marked as an Unplanned Closure.</td>
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Reminders

Shifts (i.e. work schedules) should match the contracted time for your participants and should cover the biggest window of work time.

If your participants are working remotely to provide services (perform work they otherwise would in a physical building/office) they should be on your SPL and assigned a shift.

You cannot account for shift or work schedule changes that occur in the middle of the quarter.

If you don’t know participants schedules when certifying shifts use the hours in their contract.

A participant can only be assigned to a single shift.

You can create multiple shifts to account for varying schedules.

Change

- Shifts

Impact

- Include expanded or reduced moment eligible times
• Moment Responses

• Not working responses versus administrative and direct service activity responses

Participants still need to complete moments as soon as possible.
System-generated email reminders will continue during any school closure days.

Participants in a district who are working
➢ No Change

Participants in a district who are not Working
➢ For assigned moments during school closures, participants should complete their moment by:
  • Choosing the “No, I was not working” choice and if it was a paid or unpaid day off.
Medicaid Administrative Claiming
Application of the Unrestricted Indirect Cost Rate (UICR)

With UICR:

- **Direct Service Providers**: $46,187
- **Administrative Only Providers**: $30,524
- **Gross Claims Total 1**: $44,712
- **Indirect Cost Rate (x 27.21%)**: $23,050
- **Total Gross Claim Amount**: $167,762

**Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Rate**: x 90%

**Total Net Claim Subtotal**: $53,881

- **50% PA State Share (unreimbursed)**: $26,940
- **50% District Share**: $26,940
- **$500 Processing Fee**: $500

**Claim**: $26,440.60

Without UICR:

- **Direct Service Providers**: $46,187
- **Administrative Only Providers**: $30,524
- **Gross Claims Total 1**: $44,712
- **Indirect Cost Rate (x 0%)**: $0
- **Total Gross Claim Amount**: $167,762

**Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Rate**: x 90%

**Total Net Claim Subtotal**: $42,356

- **50% PA State Share (unreimbursed)**: $21,178
- **50% District Share**: $21,178
- **$500 Processing Fee**: $500

**Claim**: $20,678.60
• No or incomplete Moment Responses

• Decrease in reimbursement
Questions

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