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Takeaways from the AHLA Institute on Medicare and Medicaid Payment Issues





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# Objectives

- The conference was a hodgepodge of information provided by panelists who were happy to be out of the living room and into the conference room
- The following slides are snips from sessions that I attended and I thank the providers in advance for the liberal borrowing of knowledge shared so generously during the conference





# STATS





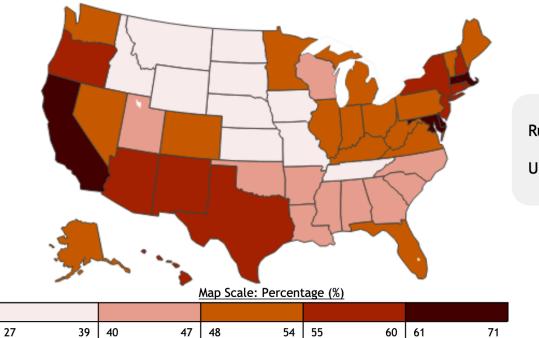
#### **Medicare Telemedicine Snapshot**

Medicare Claims and Encounter Data: March 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021, Received by September 9, 2021

28,255,180 Unique Telemedicine Users

**53%** of Medicare Users

### Percentage of Medicare Users with a Telemedicine Service<sup>1</sup> by Geography



Rural Areas: 44%

Urban Areas: 55%

Disclaimer: All data presented in this update are preliminary and will continue to change as CMS processes additional claims and encounters for the reporting period. Please see page 4 and view the methodology document available here.



<sup>1</sup>Only beneficiaries with at least one telemedicine-eligible service are included in the denominator.

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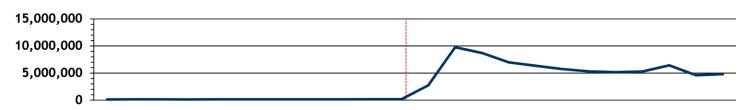


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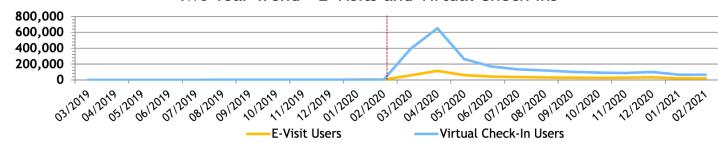
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Telemedicine Users: Pre-Pandemic and Pandemic Period								
	Total	Telehealth	E-visit <sup>1</sup>	Virtual Check-In				
Pre-pandemic (March 1, 2019 - Feb 29, 2020)	910,490	892,121	5,220	14,088				
Pandemic (March 1, 2020 - Feb 28, 2021)	28,255,180	27,691,878	367,467	1,601,033				

#### Two Year Trend - Telehealth



#### Two Year Trend - E-Visits and Virtual Check-Ins





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<sup>1</sup>Medicare coverage for E-Visits started on January 1, 2020.





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# REASSIGNMENT





### Inter-Jurisdictional Reassignments – New Revision

- 10.3.1.4.3 Additional Form CMS-855R Policies and Processing Alternatives (Rev. 11168; Issued:12-22-21; Effective:12-31-21; Implementation:01-24-22)
  - A. Inter-Jurisdictional Reassignments
    - 2. The reassignor need not pursuant to the reassignment enroll in the reassignee's contractor jurisdiction nor be licensed/authorized to practice in the reassignee's state. If the reassignor will be performing services within the reassignee's state, the reassignor must enroll with the contractor for (and be licensed/authorized to practice in) that state.
- <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/pim83c10.pdf">https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/pim83c10.pdf</a>





# In plain language

Dr. White Coat is the reassignor. He lives in Arizona, and is enrolled with Jurisdiction F Part B, Noridian, the Medicare Administrative Contractor for Arizona. He wants to provide telehealth services for Jones Clinic in California.



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Dr. White Coat then obtained his license in California.

Then he reassigned his enrollment to the reassignee, Jones Clinic, located in California, which is Jurisdiction E Part B, also Noridian.

In the Practice Location Information of its Form CMS-855B, Jones Clinic will select the practice location type as "Other health care facility" and specify "Telemedicine location". Dr. White Coat's address is listed on the 855B, but the Practice Location is still Jones Clinic on the CMS 1500.





# Used to be in Chapter 15

- 15.5.20.1 Inter-Jurisdictional Reassignments (Rev. 636, Issued: 02-04-16, Effective: 03-04-16- Implementation: 03-04-16)
  - If you do a side-by-side comparison, you can see a few changes in semantics and special call-out to Additional Form 855R







#### U.S. States and Territories Modifying Licensure Requirements for Physicians in Response to COVID-19

(Out-of-state physicians in-person practice; license renewals)

Last Updated: March 31, 2022

States with Waivers: 20 + USVI

States with Waivers, not allowing new applications: 0

States without Waivers (or closed waivers): 30 + DC + GU

States allowing OOS physicians long-term or permanent privileges: 7 + DC + CNMI + PR

On January 28, 2021, HHS <u>announced</u> the fifth amendment to the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act, <u>authorizing any healthcare provider who is licensed or certified in a state to prescribe, dispense, or administer COVID-19 vaccines in any other state or U.S. territory. The amendment also authorizes any physician, registered nurse, or practical nurse whose license or certification expired within the past five years to partake in the immunization effort, but first must complete a CDC Vaccine Training and an on-site observation period by a currently practicing healthcare professional.</u>

https://www.fsmb.org/siteassets/advocacy/pdf/state-emergency-declarations-licensures-requirementscovid-19.pdf





#### What is in effect in Arizona?

Status – Active, for those already with emergency temporary licenses, until December 31, 2022 (see above). In addition, Arizona has universal license reciprocity, meaning that Arizona's licensing boards will recognize out-of-state occupational licenses for people who have been licensed in their profession for at least one year, are in good standing in all states where they are licensed, pay applicable Arizona fees, and meet all residency, testing, and background check requirements. (Article)



### OIG AND COMPLIANCE CONSIDERATIONS





### What can go wrong

#### Licensure Issues

- Provider confusion before COVID
- State changes during the COVID PHE
  - Confusing about the CMS waiver of licensure and the state position on licensure
- Ongoing changes
  - Temporary or emergency licensure
  - As of 1/27/22
    - There are 26 states plus the USVI with waivers in place
    - 24 states and DC don't have or have closed waivers
    - 6 states, DC, CNMI, and PR allow out-of-state physicians long-term or permanent privileges
    - Source: <a href="https://www.fsmb.org/siteassets/advocacy/pdf/state-emergency-declarations-licensures-requirementscovid-19.pdf">https://www.fsmb.org/siteassets/advocacy/pdf/state-emergency-declarations-licensures-requirementscovid-19.pdf</a>

#### Post COVID

- CMS could adopt the licensure requirement changes it waived during the PHE
- This would not necessarily impact the state licensure requirements regarding practicing medicine in the state.





### What are the enforcement hotspots?

- OIG has focused on telehealth and telehealth fraud with the broad expansion during the PHE
- OCR continues the exercise of enforcement discretion related to the form and format to tools used to conduct telehealth visits
  - Not sure how that will change once the PHE is lifted.
- September 2020 OIG announced a taken down of 345 defendants alleged to have submitted \$4.5 billion in false or fraudulent telehealth claims.
  - Pharmacies
  - DME
  - Providers
  - Genetic testing labs





# Medicare Telehealth Today

	Pre-COVID-19	During COVID-19		
All Providers Eligible to Bill	Only certain distant site practitioners were allowed to bill for Medicare telehealth services.	CMS expanded the list of practitioners who can bill for Medicare telehealth services to any professional eligible to bill Medicare for their professional services, including (1) physical therapists, (2) occupational therapists, and (3) speech language pathologists.		
Waived Geographic and Originating Site Location	The patient had to be in specifically designated geographic regions and specifically enumerated locations (originating sites) to be eligible for telehealth, which did not generally include the patient's home.	The patient can receive telehealth services anywhere, including their home		
Services Eligible for Telehealth	CMS had a narrow list of services (CPT codes) that could be billed via telehealth.	CMS dramatically expanded the list of services (CPT) codes that could be billed via telehealth.		
Technology/Modality Used for Telehealth	CMS required a "interactive audio and video telecommunications systems" that permits "real-time communication" between the patient and distant site provider—did not include telephones.	CMS allows providers to use smartphones with video capabilities (e.g., zoom, facetime, etc.).  CMS also allows providers to furnish certain E/M services via <i>audio-only</i> technologies.		
Established v. New Patients	Certain telehealth services could only be provided to "established patients".	CMS allows telehealth services to be furnished to established and new patients.		
Payment Parity with In-Person Services	All telehealth services were paid at the "facility rate", which was generally lower than what physicians would be paid for in-person services.	CMS pays telehealth services at same rates as furnished in-person, including audio-only E/M services.		





# What does Facility versus Parity mean?

- G0463 the facility fee associated with clinic visits
  - OPPS sets reimb rate at \$121.35
- Typically paired with Pro Fee CPTs 99202-99215
- After the PHE, the facility fee will no longer be reimbursed
  - Not even during the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022 "151" days' duration of extended telehealth waivers





### Geographic and Site Limitations

- Most of the benefits providers and patients cite for telehealth stem from being able to use telehealth in the home
- The Medicare statute plainly limits telehealth services to designated rural regions and originating sites that do not generally include the patient's home
  - Statutory exception for substance use disorder services and mental health services
  - Congress would need to amend the statute





### **Existing Patient Limitations**

- Telehealth during the PHE has expanded providers' reach by allowing them to serve new patients at a distance
- Requiring that providers have an "established" relationship with patients before furnishing telehealth imposes obvious limitations on providers' ability to maximize investments in telehealth
- The statute does not require that CMS impose an inperson requirement for telehealth services
  - Exception for mental health services furnished in the home—the statute requires an in-person meeting within 6 months *prior* to the first telehealth service





# RPM AND RTM OPPS DISCOVERIES





# RPM Pro Fees – Non-Facility

Addendu	m B – Re	lative Valu	ue Units and	Related Information Used in CY 20	22 Final Rule					
CPT <sup>1</sup> / HCPCS	Mod	Status	Not Used for Medicare Payment	Description	Work RVUs²	Non- Facility PE RVUs <sup>2</sup>	Facility PE RVUs <sup>2</sup>	Mal- Practice RVUs <sup>2</sup>	Total Non-Facility RVUs <sup>2</sup>	Total Facility RVUs <sup>2</sup>
99453		Α		Rem mntr physiol param setup	0.00	0.54	NA	0.01	0.55	NA
99454		Α		Rem mntr physiol param dev	0.00	1.60	NA	0.01	1.61	NA
99455		R		Work related disability exam	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
99457		Α		Rem physiol mntr 1st 20 min	0.61	0.80	0.25	0.04	1.45	0.90
99458		Α		Rem physiol mntr ea addl 20	0.61	0.53	0.25	0.04	1.18	0.90

CPT#	Description	Who	RVUs (Non- facility) 2021	Payment 2021	RVUs (Non- facility) 2022	Payment 2022
99453	Initial set-up and patient education on use of equipment	Clinical staff	0.55	\$19.19	0.55	\$19.03
99454	Device(s) supply with daily recording and transmission of data for each 30 days	Clinical Staff	1.81	\$63.16	1.61	\$55.72
99457	20 minutes a month of monitoring and interactive communication; includes phone, text and email	MD, NP and clinical staff	1.46	\$50.94	1.45	\$50.18
99458	Add-on code for an additional 20 minutes of RPM services in a given month	MD, NP and clinical staff	1.18	\$41.17	1.18	\$40.83
99091	Collection and interpretation of remote physiologic data by qualified healthcare professional	QHCP	1.10	\$56.88	1.10	\$56.41





### RPM Facility Fees

	Addendum B OPPS Payment by HCPCS Code for CY 2022						
HCPCS Code	Short Descriptor	SI	APC	Relative Weight	Payment Rate	National Unadjusted Copayment	Minimum Unadjusted Copayment
99453	Rem mntr physiol param setup	V	5012	1.4416	\$121.35		\$24.27
99454	Rem mntr physiol param dev	Q1	5741	0.4518	\$38.03		\$7.61
99457	Rem physiol mntr 1st 20 min	В					
99458	Rem physiol mntr ea addl 20	В					

- Recall the Reimb for Pro Fee:
  - Non-Facility Payment of 99453: \$19.19
  - Non-Facility payment of 99454: \$50.18
- Payment Diff
  - Non-Facility Payment of 99453: \$102.16
  - Non-Facility payment of 99454: -\$12.18





# RTM Pro Fees – Non-Facility

CPT <sup>1</sup> / HCPCS	Mod	Status	Not Used for Medicare Payment	Description	Work RVUs²	Non- Facility PE RVUs <sup>2</sup>	Facility PE RVUs <sup>2</sup>	Mal- Practice RVUs <sup>2</sup>	Total Non-Facility RVUs <sup>2</sup>	Total Facility
98975		Α		Rem ther mntr 1st setup&edu	0.00	0.54	NA	0.02	0.56	NA
98976		Α		Rem ther mntr dev sply resp	0.00	1.60	NA	0.01	1.61	NA
98977		Α		Rem ther mntr dv sply mscskl	0.00	1.60	NA	0.01	1.61	NA
98980		Α		Rem ther mntr 1st 20 min	0.62	0.79	0.25	0.04	1.45	0.91
98981		Α		Rem ther mntr ea addl 20 min	0.61	0.52	0.25	0.05	1.18	0.91
99000		В		Specimen handling office-lab	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
99001		В		Specimen handling pt-lab	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
99002		В		Device handling phys/qhp	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
99024		В		Postop follow-up visit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
00026		N.I		In hospital on call capies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00





# Non-Facility RTM Reimb (cont.)

CPT#	Description	Who	RVUs (Non- facility) 2022	Payment 2022
98975	Remote therapeutic monitoring (e.g., respiratory system status, musculoskeletal system status, therapy adherence, therapy response); initial setup and patient education on use of equipment	Clinical staff	0.56	\$19.38





# Non-Facility RTM Reimb (cont.)

CPT#	Description	Who	RVUs (Non- facility ) 2022	Payment 2022
98976	Remote therapeutic monitoring (e.g., respiratory system status, musculoskeletal system status, therapy adherence, therapy response); device(s) supply with scheduled (e.g., daily) recording(s) and/or programmed alert(s) transmission to monitor respiratory system, each 30 days)	Clinical Staff	1.61	\$55.72
98977	Remote therapeutic monitoring (e.g., respiratory system status, musculoskeletal system status, therapy adherence, therapy response); device(s) supply with scheduled (e.g., daily) recording(s) and/or programmed alert(s) transmission to monitor musculoskeletal system, each 30 days)	Clinical Staff	1.61	\$55.72





# RTM Facility Fees

1		Addendum B OPPS Payment by HCPCS Code for CY 2022						
4	HCPCS Code	Short Descriptor	SI	APC	Relative Weight	Payment Rate	National Unadjusted Copayment	Minimum Unadjusted Copayment
10638	98975	Rem ther mntr 1st setup&edu	V	5012	1.4416	\$121.35		. \$24.27
10639	98976	Rem ther mntr dev sply resp	Q1	5741	0.4518	\$38.03		. \$7.61
10640	98977	Rem ther mntr dv sply mscskl	Q1	5741	0.4518	\$38.03		. \$7.61
10641	98980	Rem ther mntr 1st 20 min	В					
10642	98981	Rem ther mntr ea addl 20 min	В					

- Recall the Reimb for Pro Fee:
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  - Non-Facility payment of 98976: \$55.72
- Payment Diff
  - Non-Facility Payment of 98975: \$102.16
  - Non-Facility payment of 98976: -\$17.69





#### Status Indicator Codes

- V Medical visit to clinic or emergency department.
- Q1 STV-Packaged codes.
  - Paid under OPPS; Addendum B displays APC assignments when services are separately payable.
  - Packaged APC payment if billed on same date of service as a HCPCS assigned status indicator "S", "T", "V".
  - In all other circumstances, payment is made through a separate APC payment.





# MPFS CONSIDERATIONS





# Speaking of the MPFS

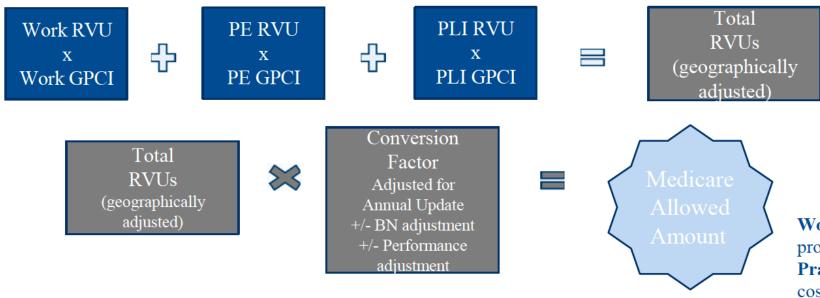
#### The Medicare Physician Fee Schedule ("MPFS")

- Since 1992, Medicare has paid physicians and other practitioners based on a fee schedule
- The MPFS is updated annually and includes a pre-determined rate by CPT code for all services
- Applies to Medicare services furnished by physicians, dentists, podiatrists, optometrists, chiropractors, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, certified nurse midwifes, clinical nurse social workers, therapists and other nonphysician practitioners





### How fees are calculated



> None of these numbers takes inflation into account

Work = Physician time & intensity in providing the service

Practice Expense (PE) = Overhead costs for providing the service

PLI = Professional liability insurance expenses associated with the service

GPCI = Geographic Practice Cost Indices

BN = Budget neutrality





### THE PHE AND THE CAA OF 2022





### The PHE: What stays permanently

- Medicare reimbursement for eligible telehealth services when the patient is located in a geographically rural area AND in an eligible originating site (i.e., in most cases not the home).
- Medicare reimbursement for mental health telehealth services (including audio-only services in some cases), provided that there is an in-person visit within the first six months of an initial telehealth visit and every 12 months thereafter. Implementation of this in-person requirement is delayed for 151 days.
- Medicare reimbursement to federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics, although it will no longer be billed the same or for 'telehealth' specifically. CMS has redefined a 'mental health visit' to now include encounters furnished through interactive, real-time telecommunications technology (which will include audio-only delivery in some cases) for a mental health disorder.





# What stays on a temporary basis (151 days), but will go away afterward:

- Medicare reimbursement for telehealth services provided to patients at home.
- Medicare reimbursement for an expanded list of eligible providers, such as occupational therapists, physical therapists, speech language pathologists and audiologists.
- Medicare coverage of audio-only telehealth for non-mental health visits.
- Reimbursement of FQHCs and RHCs as distant site telehealth providers for non-mental health services. As noted above, FQHCs and RHCs will continue to be reimbursed for 'interactive, real-time telecommunications technology' for a mental health disorder.





### What goes away immediately:

- Reimbursement of some Medicare telehealth services will expire when the PHE ends (such as group psychotherapy and phone E/M codes 99441-99443), others have been extended through the end of 2023 (such as some occupational and physical therapy service codes, emergency department visit, and nursing facility discharge day). See CMS telehealth service list for exact codes.
- During the emergency, providers were able to prescribe controlled substances without an in-person examination. This flexibility will expire with the end of the PHE, requiring providers to adhere to strict rules. In most cases, this will require a patient be located in a doctor office or hospital registered with the DEA to be prescribed a controlled substance via telehealth.





### The Telehealth Codes - Example

			LIST OF MEDICADE TELEMENT THIS EDVICES offsetive January 1 2022, undeted January 5 2		
			LIST OF MEDICARE TELEHEALTH SERVICES effective January 1, 2022 - updated January 5, 2022		
C	ode 🔻	Short Descriptor	Status	Can Audio-only Interaction Meet the Requirements?	
_	202	Office/outpatient visit new			
_	203	Office/outpatient visit new			
_	204	Office/outpatient visit new			
_	205	Office/outpatient visit new			
_	211	Office/outpatient visit est			
99	212	Office/outpatient visit est			
99	213	Office/outpatient visit est			
99	214	Office/outpatient visit est			
99	215	Office/outpatient visit est			
99	217	Observation care discharge	Available up Through December 31, 2023		
. 99	218	Initial observation care	Temporary Addition for the PHE for the COVID-19 Pandemic		
99	219	Initial observation care	Temporary Addition for the PHE for the COVID-19 Pandemic		
99	220	Initial observation care	Temporary Addition for the PHE for the COVID-19 Pandemic		
99	221	Initial hospital care	Temporary Addition for the PHE for the COVID-19 Pandemic		
99	222	Initial hospital care	Temporary Addition for the PHE for the COVID-19 Pandemic		
99	223	Initial hospital care	Temporary Addition for the PHE for the COVID-19 Pandemic		
99	224	Subsequent observation care	Available up Through December 31, 2023		
99	225	Subsequent observation care	Available up Through December 31, 2023		
99	226	Subsequent observation care	Available up Through December 31, 2023		





### What's Up in the Air?

- During the COVID public health emergency, <u>HHS Office for Civil Rights</u>
   (OCR) applied <u>enforcement discretion</u> to telehealth providers, allowing them to
   utilize any non-public facing remote communication product, even if they don't
   fully comply with the requirements of the <u>Health Insurance Portability and</u>
   <u>Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)</u>. Since this decision was made
   administratively, OCR has the ability to keep this policy OR allow it to expire when
   the PHE ends.
- Many state-based policies will vary depending on the end of a given state's public health emergency and/or state of emergency and may or may not be tied to the end of the federal public health emergency. Policies that fall under state jurisdiction include Medicaid reimbursement, private payer insurance reimbursement and waivers that allowed out-of-state licensed providers to practice within a given state due to the emergency circumstances. Visit <a href="CCHP's COVID policy tracker">CCHP's COVID policy tracker</a> for more information on state-based policies.







#### CY 2022 MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES VIA TELEHEALTH & AUDIO-ONLY

Patient is also receiving treatment for SUD (Original Telehealth Policy)\*

Patient is only being

treated for mental health

Medicare will allow the services to take place w/o geographic requirement and can take place in the home under current law.

No previous in-person visit requirement.

disorder; no treatment for SUD. Patient is not in a "rural" area and wants services in the home. (Consolidated Appropriations Act) Patient must have had an in-person visit six months prior with the telehealth provider OR subspecialist who is in the same group as the telehealth provider and the visit was reimbursed by Medicare. Subsequently, there needs to be an in-person visit every 12 months, limited exceptions.+

Medicare
Beneficiary
Being Treated
for Mental
Health Disorder

Patient wants to receive treatment via audio-only services in the home.

(Change made administratively through PFS)

Receiving mental health visits in an FQHC or RHC

(Change made administratively through PFS)

Patient is in an originating site setting that meets geographic requirements

(Original Telehealth Policy) \*

Patient must be an established patient, will receive the services in the home, provider must have live video capability, patient must want to have services via audio-only or unable to have services via live video. Six month/12 month requirement needs to be met, limited exceptions.+

Patient can receive services via live video or audio-only. Patient must consent or be unable to use live video. Six month/12 month in-person visit requirement must be met if services are taking place in the home. Not regarded as "telehealth."

No additional requirements needs to be met, no need to have a prior in-person visit. The location of the patient qualifies under existing policies regarding geographic and site location.







#### TELEHEALTH POLICY IMPACTS OF THE 2022 CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Below is a quick reference regarding the major impacts on federal telehealth policy on Medicare. For the most part, the policies focus on the temporary changes that were made to Medicare telehealth policy in response to COVID-19.

MEDICARE							
ISSUE	CHANGE MADE BY BUDGET BILL		DIFFERENCE FROM CURRENT WAIVER				
Patient Location –	Extension of waiver on the geographic location of patient		No difference from current COVID-19 temporary				
Geographic	requirement to continue an additional 151 days after the Public		waiver.				
	Health Emergency (PHE) is declared over.						
Patient Location – Site	Extension of waiver on the site location of patient requirement		No difference from current COVID-19 temporary				
	to continue an additional 151 days after the PHE is declar	waiver.					
	over.						
Eligible Providers	Allow FQHCs, RHCs, PTs, OTs, Speech-Language Patholog	Under the current COVID-19 waivers, the category					
	and Audiologists to continue to be reimbursed for service	of providers is all eligible Medicare providers.					
	delivered via telehealth an additional 151 days after the I						
	declared over.						
Audio-Only	Extension of waiver on the use of audio-only as a modality to		No difference from current COVID-19 temporary				
	continue an additional 151 days after the PHE is declared over.		waiver.				
Recertification of	Extension of waiver on the use of telehealth to continue to be		No difference from current COVID-19 temporary				
eligibility for hospice	used an additional 151 days after the PHE is declared over.		waiver.				
care							
OTHER TELEHEALTH PO							
	ISSUE	CHANGE MADE BY BUDGET BILL					
1 '	nt, requirement of an in-person visit before a mental	Delay requirement 151 days after the PHE is declared					
	h takes place when not meeting geographic and site	over.					
	on telehealth for Medicare program (Includes FQHCs,						
RHCs and audio-only red	· · · ·						
Concern over fraud/was	te and utilization	MedPAC will do a report for Congress on utilization and					
		other issues in Medicare/OIG will do a report on fraud and					
		waste. Due to Congress June 2023					

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### PHE RENEWED!!

- This means new end date is July 15, 2022
  - If not renewed on July 15, then the 151 days per the CAA will take us through Dec 15 or so.

https://aspr.hhs.gov/legal/PHE/Pages/COVID19-12Apr2022.aspx



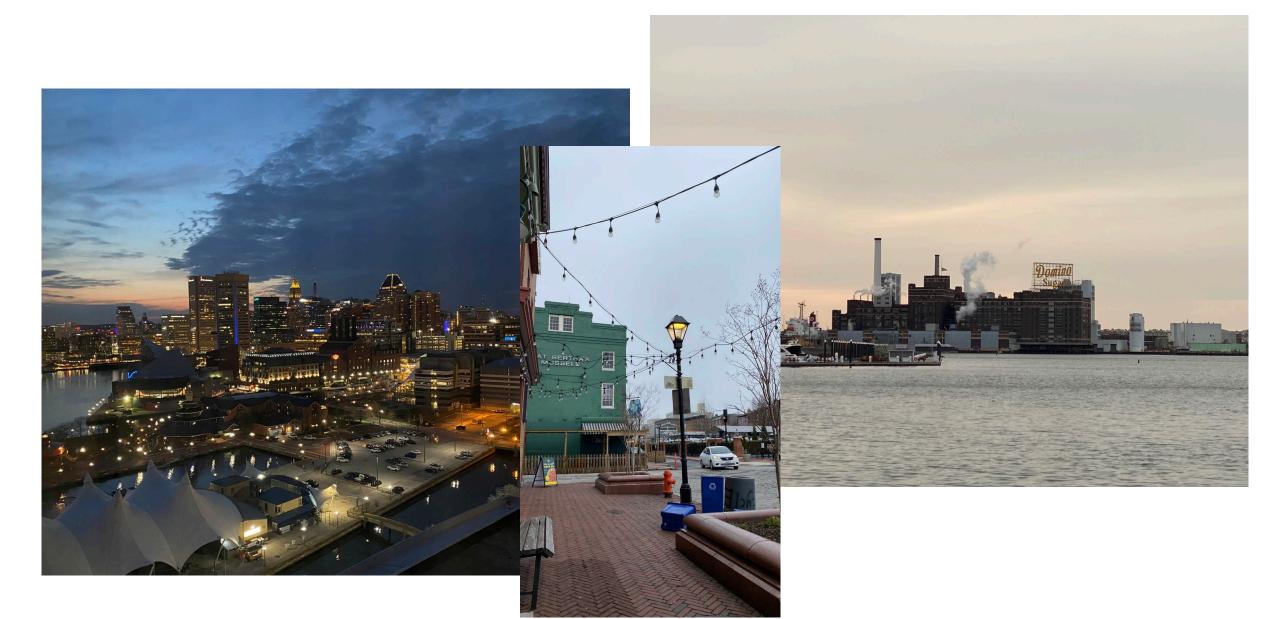


### Resources and Thanks

- <a href="https://www.cms.gov/sites/default/files/2021-12/Medicare%20COVID-19%20Telemedicine%20Snapshot%2020211203">https://www.cms.gov/sites/default/files/2021-12/Medicare%20COVID-19%20Telemedicine%20Snapshot%2020211203</a> 0.pdf
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