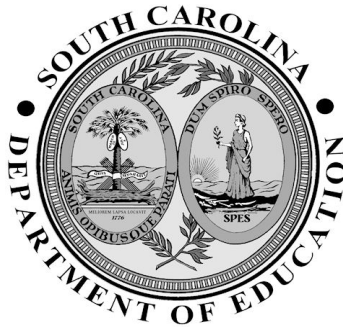


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Telehealth Flexibility Extended

On Friday, April 29, 2022, the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) released a bulletin announcing updates to temporary policy changes that were put into place to address the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic via emergency authorities derived from the federal public health emergency (PHE). Previous policy changes that were put into place included a heavy emphasis on building upon SCDHHS' existing telehealth benefit and extended telehealth flexibilities for a wide variety of services where early evidence demonstrated a service may be able to be performed with an efficacy and quality of care comparable to the service provided in a face-to-face format.

SCDHHS has evaluated utilization data and consulted with the state's Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs), the provider community and other stakeholders; as a result SCDHHS has announced changes that will take effect once the current federal PHE has expired. Providers are advised that the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recently announced that the federal PHE will remain in effect until **at least July 15, 2022**.

SCDHHS announced that telehealth flexibilities for some behavioral health services will be extended for further evaluation. The following procedure codes/services can continue to be rendered via telehealth:

- 90791- Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation without medical
- 90832- Individual psychotherapy, 30 minutes
- 90834- Individual psychotherapy, 45 minutes
- 90837- Individual psychotherapy, 60 minutes
- 90846- Family psychotherapy, without client, 50 minutes
- 90847- Family psychotherapy, including client, 50 minutes

SCDHHS announced that telehealth flexibilities for some physical and speech therapy services will be extended for further evaluation. The following procedure codes/services can continue to be rendered via telehealth:

- 92507- Speech therapy
- 97110- Physical therapy

SCDHHS also announced that telehealth flexibilities for some behavioral health and occupational therapy services **will expire** at the end of the current, federal PHE.

- 97530- Occupational therapy
- H2014- Behavior modification
- H2017- Psychosocial rehabilitation service (individual)
- S9482- Family support

Please review the SCDHHS bulletin [22-005](#) in its entirety to ensure that you are in compliance with Medicaid's requirements. Please reach out to your district's assigned Education Associate should you have any questions and/or concerns.

District Consolidations

Districts that will be consolidating effective July 1, 2022, please ensure that you have completed or are on track to complete all of the required Medicaid consolidation steps. The Medicaid [Consolidation Checklist 2021 – 2022](#) is available on the Office of Medicaid Services (OMS) webpage for your review. If you have any questions or need assistance from the OMS, please reach out to your district's assigned Education Associate (EA) for guidance as soon as possible.

Academic Year 2020 – 2021 QA Review Findings

Opportunities for Improvement

Multiple QA reviews have identified that school districts are noncompliant with the following Medicaid requirements:

- At the time of submission for the OMS annual review, please ensure that all required documentation is uploaded to the QA application.
- School Districts must remember to utilize the GT modifier when services are rendered via telehealth.
- RBHS services provided by any unlicensed/uncertified professional must be clinically supervised by a master's level qualified clinical professional or an LPHA. A supervision log must be included in the Medicaid record for all RBHS files.
- It has been noticed that school districts have not been documenting student's attendance on the progress summary. The purpose of the progress summary is to record the longitudinal nature of the child's treatment and describe the child's attendance at therapy sessions, etc. Please reference the [LEA Manual](#) for further details.

District Strengths

The most recent reviews show school districts have done a great job submitting Medicaid records for COVID-19 testing, General nursing, ITP/IHP, and IEP Nursing services.

School districts have been responsive with communications.

School District Administrative Claiming (SDAC) Invoices

If you have not done so already, please enter your district's financial information into the SDAC application for the third quarter's (January, February, and March – JFM 22022) invoice.

As a reminder, once you have entered the financial data, please send notification to Fiscal Manager, Monica C. McKinney at mcmckinney@ed.sc.gov. The invoices are generated by the OMS once the district notifies the OMS that their financial information has been entered.

The district will not be able to view the invoice until it has been generated by the OMS. A notification email is sent to the district, once the invoice has been generated by the OMS. The signed invoice must be sent to Fiscal Manager, Monica C. McKinney at mcmckinney@ed.sc.gov. All invoices for JFM 2022 will need to be submitted for payment by May 16, 2022.

School District Administrative Claiming (SDAC) Fees

On April 1, 2022, your district received an invoice via email for the annual fee charged by SDCE for your district's participation in the Medicaid School District Administrative Claiming program (SDAC). If you have not done so already, please send the payment for the SDAC fee as soon as possible. Please refer to the Administrative Claiming Agreement between SCDE and your school district for details regarding the SDAC fee.

School District Administrative Claiming (SDAC)- Action Needed

The third quarter (i.e., January, February, March – JFM 22) Random Moment Samples (RMS) were closed on April 14, 2022. The completion rate for the state was 95.69%. Thank you for your time and effort in getting the RMS completed.

The fourth quarter (i.e., April, May, June – AMJ 22) is underway. Please make sure that surveys are reviewed weekly for participant completion. If you need assistance with RMS or have participant issues, please contact Ronette Weeks at rmweeks@ed.sc.gov.

Special Needs Transportation (SNT) and School District Administrative Claiming (SDAC) Contract

School districts will receive new contracts for both SNT and SDAC in the upcoming weeks. The contracts will be mailed to your district superintendent for signature. The OMS looks forward continued partnership with both programs.

Quarterly & Bi-Monthly Meetings

Quarterly Finance School District Meeting

The OMS' last quarterly finance meeting for fiscal year 2022 will be held June 29 – 30, 2022. A meeting invitation will be sent to all districts prior to the meeting. If there are any questions that you have or topics that you wish to discuss during the upcoming meeting, please send your request(s) to Fiscal Manager, Monica C. McKinney at mcmckinney@ed.sc.gov.

Quarterly QA School District Meeting

The OMS QA team looks forward to continuing to work alongside districts and ensuring that districts receive the assistance and guidance needed. The next QA quarterly meeting will be scheduled for the week of June 13 – 17, 2022. Meeting invitations will be submitted to districts.

The quarterly meetings are open to all LEA providers and administrators rendering Medicaid services, and all staff representation (e.g., SLPs, OTs, PTs, nurses, etc.) is encouraged to attend. Please submit questions and topics that you would like to be discussed. Your questions and suggestions must be submitted to your district's assigned Education Associate (EA) prior to your district's scheduled meeting.

Bi-Monthly SDAC Meeting

The next OMS SDAC bi-monthly meeting will be held on May 18, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The meeting will include information for finishing the samples for the current quarter and preparing the year-end participant listing for carry over to the next school year. Please make every effort to attend.

A Microsoft Teams invitation will be sent to SDAC Coordinators two weeks in advance of the meeting. SDAC Coordinators can forward the invite to other persons within their district as they see fit.

Bi-Monthly Special Needs Transportation (SNT) Meeting

The next OMS SNT bi-monthly meeting will be held on May 18, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The meeting will include information about completing ridership for the school year and the requirements for closing out buses. Please make every effort to attend.

A Microsoft Teams invitation will be sent to the SNT and Medicaid Coordinators two weeks in advance of the meeting. Coordinators can forward the invite to other persons within their district as they see fit.

TELL US

What topics would you like us to address in the monthly newsletter. It is our goal to support our school districts and give them all the information that they need to be successful in billing and providing Medicaid Services. Send all topics to our office email address MedicaidServices@ed.sc.gov.