

WSC ADVISORY #2020-017
PROVIDER CODES FOR TELEMEDICINE DURING COVID-19 – UPDATED INFORMATION
MANDATORY ACTION

EFFECTIVE DATE: MAY 1, 2020

This advisory provides information to Waiver Support Coordinators (WSCs) to assist providers who deliver therapy services via telemedicine due to COVID-19. **Please be advised that WSC Advisory #2020-013 dated April 22, 2020 regarding telemedicine is rescinded and replaced with this advisory.**

Providers who deliver occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, behavioral services, and specialized mental health counseling via telemedicine due to COVID-19 must utilize the telemedicine codes and modifiers in this advisory when submitting claims for payment. The WSC can no longer utilize previously identified telemedicine procedure code modifiers in the iBudget system service plans. WSCs should take the following steps:

1. If the WSC created any new service plans with a telemedicine procedure code but has not submitted the cost plan, please delete the service plan.
2. If the WSC created a new service plan with the telemedicine codes and it was rejected, please delete the service plan. Additionally, if the WSC reduced the quarter 3 or quarter 4 current service authorizations for these services, please add back units in March, April, May, and June as they were originally approved. If the WSC needs assistance, please contact the WSC liaison in the APD Regional office.
3. If the WSC has not created new service plans related to telemedicine, no action is required. The current service authorizations can be used by therapy providers who render therapy services via telemedicine. However, the providers must use the modifiers identified below when billing for telemedicine services.

For reference, the following table shows the service, current code, and the new telemedicine code:

Service Description	CURRENT PROCEDURE CODE	TELEMEDICINE CODE USED BY PROVIDERS AT THE TIME OF BILLING
Behavior Analysis - Level 1	H2019UCHP	H2019UCHPGT
Behavior Analysis - Level 2	H2019UCHO	H2019UCHOGT
Behavior Analysis - Level 3	H2019UCHN	H2019UCHNGT
Occupational Therapy	97530UC	97530UCGT
Occupational Therapy - Evaluation - 30 minutes	97165GOUC	97165GOUCGT
Occupational Therapy - Evaluation - 45 minutes	97166GOUC	97166GOUCGT

Occupational Therapy - Evaluation, established plan of care - 60 minutes	97167GOUC	97167GOUCGT
Occupational Therapy - Re-Evaluation	97168GOUC	97168GOUCGT
Physical Therapy	97110UC	97110UCGT
Physical Therapy - Evaluation - 20 minutes	97161GPUC	97161GPUCGT
Physical Therapy - Evaluation - 30 minutes	97162GPUC	97162GPUCGT
Physical Therapy - Evaluation - 45 minutes	97163GPUC	97163GPUCGT
Physical Therapy - Re-Evaluation	97164GPUC	97164GPUCGT
Speech Therapy	92507UC	92507UCGT
Speech Therapy - Assessment - Evaluation of Speech Fluency	92521UC	92521UCGT
Speech Therapy – Assessment - Evaluation of Speech Sound Production	92522UC	92522UCGT
Speech Therapy - Assessment - Evaluation of Speech Sound Production, Language Comprehension, and Expression	92523UC	92523UCGT
Speech Therapy - Assessment - Behavioral and Qualitative Analysis of Voice and Resonance	92524UC	92524UCGT
Specialized Mental Health Counseling	H0046UC	H0046UCGT

More information regarding telemedicine requirements for therapies can be found in the Florida Medicaid Health Care Alert, [Telemedicine Guidance for Therapy Services and Early Intervention Services](#).

More information regarding telemedicine requirements for behavior analysis can be found in the Florida Medicaid Health Care Alert, [Updated COVID-19 Telemedicine Guidance for Behavior Analysis Services](#).

For information and resources related to COVID-19 for WSCs, providers, and APD clients, please visit apdcares.org/covid19.