

Telehealth Advisory Committee

Behavioral Health Best Practices Subcommittee

January 20, 2022 9:00 AM

Virtual

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** Dr. Sara Salek
Dr. Salek called the meeting to order

2. **Welcome and Introductions** Dr. Salek
Dr. Leanette Henagan, Kimberly Egan, Sue Dahl-Popolizio, Richard Dobrusin, Bryan Davey, Michael Boylan

3. **Review of Audio-Only Coverage Crosswalk and Medicare Coverage Alignment Recommendation** Dr. Salek

We met previously to work on audio only and we reviewed Arizona's audio only coverage.

The report was posted.

We reviewed code descriptions and if it should be completed audio only. We looked at utilization and made a recommendation on their review.

Medicare finalized the 1/1/2022 codes and we did a crosswalk to the Medicare coverage.

We shared the crosswalk with the committee.
Highlighted in red are coverage by Medicare.
Highlighted in green is codes that AHCCCS will continue coverage for this year.

Dr. Salek is recommending an addendum to the report with the red and green highlighted codes and continued flexibilities.

AMA request submission will be a workgroup, We will request change to the definition – remove face to face

Recommendation to review ABA codes from Dr. Davey
97151, 97156, 97157 – recommendation to add

It was noted that 97158 is difficult to do audio only as a group session – not recommended for continued coverage

Recommendation to review codes from Dr. Sue Dahl
97165, 97110, 97530, 97535, 97150, 97139

The group discussed the original report submission and creating an addendum to include the change Medicare and other recommended codes.

It was asked that we seek Clarification on direct contact – a request will be sent to our medical coder.

The group discussed the continued need for flexibility with the pandemic.

4. Telehealth Best Practices Review

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- **Medical Literature Review**
- **National Guideline Review**
- **Other Guideline Review**

The group reviewed the start of reference document. We will send out what is currently available.

The committee provided feedback that we can review other best practices and review, creating our own with Arizona specific guidelines.

We will create an Arizona Best Practice Guidelines with it being informed by best practices. We will do a hybrid approach.

The group is asked to send additional resources/reference.

5. Call to the Public

Dr. Salek

Ryan Johnson – Are rural and remote Tribal Communities being considered in these discussion? Our experience has been that many Tribal members are not comfortable coming for services in-person nor do they have access to reliable internet or devices that would make video conferencing possible.

Nancy Rowe – She can get ATA guidelines if we want.

Jennifer Pierce – We at HCA are so grateful for the flexibility of adding the E/M codes back to the FQ modifier.

Ginger Spining – Clarification on the crosswalk and those codes highlighted in green being covered through the rest of the year.

6. 2022 Meeting Dates

Dr. Salek

The subcommittee will meet at 9:30am on Thursday, February 3rd.

7. Adjourn

Dr. Salek

Meeting adjourned at 9:59am by Dr. Salek.

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