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Telehealth Provider Alert

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The Department finalized updates to Maryland Regulations, Chapter 10.09.49 -Telehealth Services. The purpose of telehealth is to improve access for recipients to care, health outcomes and choice of providers.

The Department made the following changes:

- 1) Enrolled Maryland Medicaid SUD providers may participate in the Telehealth Program as originating sites. This change allows for Opioid Treatment providers (Provider Type 32) and Addiction Certified Programs (Provider Type 50) to engage in telehealth with permissible telehealth distant site providers. This includes partnerships with somatic providers.
- 2) Expansion of Buprenorphine treatment through the use of telehealth: Physicians may register as distant site providers to perform and bill for buprenorphine induction via telehealth. The Department shall reimburse distant site physicians for the appropriate Evaluation & Management (E&M) codes when performing services via telehealth with a participant located at a permitted telehealth originating site.

For more information about requirements for participation, please review <u>COMAR 10.09.49</u> Telehealth Services and the <u>Provider Manual</u>.



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To register as a Telehealth provider, please click <u>here</u> or visit <u>https://mmcp.dhmh.maryland.gov/Pages/telehealth.aspx</u> .

If you have any questions, please email <u>dhmh.telemedicineinfo@maryland.gov</u>.