



## Maryland Medicaid Provider Guidance Issued July 12, 2021

In accordance with the Governor's declaration of the end of the State of Emergency, the Maryland Department of Health Secretary's Orders issued in response to COVID-19 will expire on August 15, 2021. Unless otherwise noted below, the Medicaid flexibilities associated with these orders will sunset on this date.

- **Telehealth:** The Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021 takes effect July 1, 2021. As such, Medicaid will continue to provide coverage for health care services delivered through telehealth regardless of the participant's location at the time services are rendered and to allow a distant-site provider to provide services to a participant from any location at which the services may be delivered through telehealth. Additionally, Medicaid will permit services to be rendered via audio-only telehealth during the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

Certain flexibilities to deliver services via telehealth permitted during the Maryland state of emergency will be discontinued. For example, the Act requires that MDH not reimburse facility, room, or board charges for telehealth visits unless a professional fee cannot be billed separately. For behavioral health providers, any special exemptions for delivering services beyond audio-only (e.g., the length of time of visit) will revert back to pre-pandemic standards. Also, behavioral health services delivered in a group setting will no longer be permitted to be delivered through telehealth. See the Behavioral Health Administration's Telehealth Post-Emergency memo for provider- and service-specific guidance for more details on the behavioral health providers. These changes become effective July 1, 2021.

Guidance from the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) regarding DDA Meaningful Day Services and delivery of services via telehealth after August 15 will be issued separately.

Providers should visit the Maryland [Medicaid Telehealth Program page](#) for further billing guidance. Please note that the use of non-HIPAA compliant technology products is authorized through the end of the federal public health emergency and is subject to the discretion of the federal Office of Civil Rights.

- **Expansion of remote patient monitoring (RPM) services:** In accordance with the Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021, Medicaid will maintain expanded access to RPM services.

Specifically, the conditions and medical histories that would qualify a participant to receive RPM will include all conditions capable of monitoring via RPM.

- **Premium Payments for Employed Individuals with Disabilities (EID) Program and Maryland Children's Health Program Premium (MCHP Premium):** The Program will resume collecting monthly premium payments for EID Program and MCHP Premium enrollees. However, the Program will not disenroll individuals for failure to pay until the calendar month after the federal public health emergency ends. Enrollees will be responsible for payment of any unpaid balance accrued beginning September 2021 following the end of the public health emergency.
- **Home health orders by non-physicians:** In accordance with recent changes in federal and state regulations, Maryland Medicaid will allow a physician, physician assistant, certified nurse midwife, or certified nurse practitioner to order home health services.
- **Testing for COVID-19 by pharmacies:** In accordance with the Health and Human Services' Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act), pharmacies will continue to be permitted to order and administer COVID-19 tests through the end of the federal public health emergency.