

HCBS TELEHEALTH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

TELEHEALTH DURING & POST COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

The COVID -19 Public Health Emergency ended on May 11, 2023

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<p>Covered healthcare providers are not subject to penalties for violations of the HIPAA Privacy, Security, and Breach Notification Rules that occur in the good faith provision of telehealth during the COVID-19 nationwide public health emergency.</p>	<p>OCR is providing a 90-calendar day transition period for covered health care providers to comply with the HIPAA Rules with respect to their provision of telehealth.</p> <p>The transition period will be in effect beginning on May 12, 2023, and will expire at 11:59 p.m. on August 9, 2023.</p>
<p>Covered healthcare providers may use popular applications that allow for video chats, including Apple FaceTime, Facebook Messenger video chat, Google Hangouts video, Zoom, or Skype, to provide telehealth without the risk that OCR might seek to impose a penalty.</p>	<p>Covered healthcare providers should provide services through technology vendors that meet HIPAA-compliant standards and will enter into HIPAA business associate agreements (BAAs) in connection with the provision of their video communication products.</p> <p>EXAMPLES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skype for Business • Microsoft Teams • Updox • VSee • Zoom for Healthcare • Doxy.me • Cisco Webex Meetings Webex Teams • Amazon Chime • GoToMeeting
<p>Billing for Telehealth Services for DC Medicaid Beneficiaries Place of Service: 02 Modifier: GT</p>	<p>Billing for Telehealth Services for DC Medicaid Beneficiaries extended. Effective January 1, 2022.</p> <p>Place of Service:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 02 - Beneficiary at an approved originating site • 03 - DC Public School or Charter School • 10 - Beneficiary's Home <p>Modifiers Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modifier: GT - Audio and Visual • Modifier: 93 - Audio Only

References

- [Telemedicine Provider Guidance January 2023 - Transmittal 23 -11.pdf \(dc.gov\)](#)
- <https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/privacy/guidance/hipaa-audio-telehealth/index.html>