

Telehealth Advisory Committee

November 8, 2022, 4:00PM
Virtual

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Dr. Sara Salek

Meeting called to order at 4:04PM by Dr. Salek

2. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Salek

Committee members in attendance included Kim Egan, Sue Dahl, Sherri Collins, Charles Carpenter, Ross Goldberg, Sheila Sjolander, Shannon Scott, Ginny Rountree, Bryan Davey, Praneetha Elugunti, Mike Boylan, Joel Barthelemy, Darren Deering, William Thompson

AHCCCS Coding Manager, Rhonda Ellison attended to provide coding expertise.

We will be discussing the Audio Only Coverage and we would like to ensure we complete an annual review of the telehealth code set. We would like to also do an annual review of the best practice guideline which we will finalize in June of each year.

Please send guidelines to Lauren to share with the workgroup.

Also please send additional topics you would like the committee to discuss in the future.

3. Approve Prior Meeting Minutes

Dr. Salek

4. Coding/Audio Only Coverage Update

Dr. Salek

We reviewed the audio only code list and recommendations for the updated list.

**We will share the document with the committee.

New codes in the 2023 AMA CPT Professional Coding Book effective 1/1/2023. It was noted that there are new specific to audio only E&M.

We would like feedback on implementation on face-to-face vs audio only E&M codes.

**Dr. Salek will check with the flexibilities team with extension for providers to switch to the audio only E&M codes.

New codes come in for CPT and HCPT and our coding manager will be reviewing and will propose if there are additional codes for audio only coverage.

Those codes noted with N/A are removed by AMA in CPT book effective 1/1/2023.

5. Telehealth Best Practices Report Review

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We will be updating the Telehealth web page to list the best practices on our web page.

This was approved by our committee in Spring 2022. The report is posted on the web page.

We are waiting on American Telemedicine Association (ATA) to update some best practice guidelines. The Best Practices Workgroup decided to utilize publicly available telehealth best practice guidelines.

**Add date on the Rehabilitation – Principles of Delivering Telerehabilitation Services.

**Dr. Salek will reach out to the ATA

A question arose about best practices on improved diagnosis and risk mitigation. We will research and reach out to ATA.

6. Call to the Public

Dr. Salek

No public comment

7. Next Meeting Dates

Dr. Salek

Dr. Salek proposed two meetings a year.

April/May & November

8. Adjourn

Dr. Salek

Meeting adjourned at 4:43

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Please contact Lauren Prole at lauren.prole@azahcccs.gov with any questions.