

Hello Lead Analyst,

Due to the pandemic, Medicaid has opened up a few options for offering our services via Telemedicine. The options apply only to the Lead Analyst and Assistant Analyst (BCaBA) and to those working with children under the age of 21.

It is important to note that although Medicaid has opened Telehealth options for other specialities (ie. Early Intervention, Behavioral Health service with a speciality in substance abuse, Psychotherapy, etc) those rules do not apply to our services as we are listed under Behavior Analysis (BA).

The options for Telemedicine for BA are as follows:

### **Option 1: Caregiver Training Services**

Criteria:

- Provider is diagnosed with COVID-19 or
- Home-Based care is not an option (We do not have access to the home)

Limitation:

- Authorization must be requested via EQ
- Caregiver must be present for the duration of the service
- Must utilize live, two-way video communication that is HIPAA Compliant
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- No more than 2 hrs per day of Service( ie. you have 4 hrs a week then you will do 2-2hr sessions)
- No other Behavior Analysis services can be schedule on the day of Caregiver Training (ie. Evaluations, RBT Services, etc)

Procedure:

If you need to use this option we ask that you contact us right away so we can place the request into EQ. This can be a split decision so if you have an issue and you have a session you can schedule the session and then contact us so we can request the approval. We will need to know the reason why you are using Caregiver training for the approval. This will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Documentation:

On your invoice you will put Place of Service as *CT*.

On your Daily Service Log you will document that you used Telemedicine and add Place of Service as *Telemedicine*.

### **Option 2: Direct Observation and Supervision of BPI**

Criteria:

- To be used to allow flexibility to analyst to fulfill hours that are medically necessary

Limitation:

- Activities covered: Direct Observation and Supervision only
- Recipient and RBT must be present for the duration of the service
- During these sessions only the Analyst can bill. The RBT is unable to bill for supervision.
- Must utilize live, two-way video communication that is HIPAA Compliant

Procedure:

This will allow you to work a portion of the approved hours via telemedicine and the remainder must be provided at the home/setting. The only activities covered in this option are direct observation and supervision which means if you have direct hours with your client or caregiver training then it must be done at the home/setting.

Documentation:

On your invoice you will put Place of Service as *GT*.

On your Daily Service Log you will document that you used Telemedicine and add Place of Service as *Telemedicine*.

Please read the full alert to ensure you review the new guidelines in its entirety. [Alert-April 3-Telemedicine](#)