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Public notice

Notice of intent – OHA will amend the Medicaid State Plan to increase rates for telehealth services.

Date: May 18, 2023

Contact: Jesse Anderson, State Plan manager

Comments due: 5 p.m. Friday, June 2, 2023

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will submit a Medicaid State Plan Amendment to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to change from the flat telehealth rates used during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) to rates based on Relative Value Units (RVUs) multiplied by the Oregon conversion factor.

The following table lists the current PHE rate and the proposed RVU-based rate for covered telehealth codes.

Code	RVU Type	Current PHE rate	Proposed new rate
99441	Facility	\$6.45	\$25.69
99441	Non-Facility	\$16.04	\$41.35
99442	Facility	\$17.91	\$48.37
99442	Non-Facility	\$31.44	\$66.53
99443	Facility	\$35.75	\$71.22
99443	Non-Facility	\$51.97	\$93.85

OHA estimates the annual aggregate cost in federal funds to be \$20,881,431.

Background

This change would align with the rate methodology OHA uses for most other professional health services. During the COVID-19 PHE, OHA did not use this methodology because the RVUs for telehealth services were less than those for face-to-face encounters. Now that CMS has adjusted the RVU weights, RVU-based telehealth rates are higher than the rates used during the PHE.

How to comment:

OHA welcomes public review and input. Please send written comments by 5 p.m. Friday, June 2, 2023, to jesse.anderson@oha.oregon.gov.