



## California Telehealth Policy Coalition

### Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2020

#### Key Takeaways and Action Items

- **CHHS Telehealth Update**
  - CHHS is planning to launch a consumer-facing webpage that will offer information on insurance coverage for telehealth and a telehealth urgent care option for the uninsured and Medi-Cal FFS beneficiaries
  
- **Interstate Licensing Discussion**
  - Ryan Gardiner from Sen. Moorlach's office presented on SB 1053 and SB 1054 that would join California to the nurse and physical therapist interstate licensing compacts.
  - The Legislation Committee will take up and analyze these bills at its next meeting.
  
- **Education & Regulation Committee Updates**
  - Upcoming webinars:
    - Telehealth Basics (April 23)
    - Coding for COVID (TBD)
    - School Telehealth (TBD)
  - Fact sheets:
    - Telehealth's Role During the COVID-19 Pandemic
    - Technology Vendor Considerations
    - Consumer COVID-19 Telehealth FAQ
  
- **Legislation Committee Updates**
  - Recent COVID-19 updates
    - California Farmworker COVID-19 Relief Package includes AB 2164
    - DMHC APPL 20-013: outlines coding procedures for telehealth, instructs plans that they cannot require that enrollees only use a third party vendor's network
    - E.O. N-43-20: waives certain privacy law enforcement during the state of emergency
    - DHCS Guidance on Medi-Cal Payment for Telehealth: key update is that telephone services can be reimbursed during the state of emergency

- Medicare expansion: highlights include
      - Lifting of geographic and originating site limitations, distant site limitations for FQHCs/RHCs
      - Telephone visits now billable
      - Expanded list of eligible services
      - Prior existing relationship requirement waived
      - Dialysis, hospice, nursing home specific requirements waived
    - E.O. N-39-20: allows for state agencies to relax scope of practice, certification requirements for health care professionals
    - Federal anti-fraud waivers
      - Stark Law Self-Referral Waivers
      - Anti-Kickback Statute Waivers
  - Second letter to the Governor
    - Implementation and TA funding for CHC, schools, medical groups, IPAs
    - Broadband funding
    - Mobile device funding
    - Request DHCS/CDE stand up AB 2315 stakeholder group to issue guidance on school health
    - Waiver of Rx/specimen collection signature requirements for Medi-Cal
    - Additional consumer information and resource page
    - Loosen DHCS MCMC plan texting filing requirements
    - Easing of state licensing requirements
    - Network adequacy reconsideration and stakeholder input
  - Federal legislation : H.R.6474: would provide an additional \$2B in funding for FCC Health Care Connect Fund Program
- Medi-Cal Managed Care Landscape
  - Overview of recent CHCF landscape of Medi-Cal MCPs' telehealth programs
  - Key findings include overall low use of telehealth; anticipated improvements in member access, member satisfaction and care coordination; rate development as top barrier to adoption
- Save the Date: Annual Meeting to be held on November 17, 2020 at the California Endowment

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