

Subject:

FQHC Reimbursement for Telemedicine (Physician Deliv.) & Telehealth (Non-Physician-Deliv.) Services

Background:

HHSC is issuing this guidance as part of its COVID-19 (coronavirus) response.

Key Details:

To help ensure continuity of care during the COVID-19 response, HHSC will begin reimbursing Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) as telemedicine (physician-delivered) and telehealth (non-physician-delivered) service distant site providers effective immediately.

FQHCs may continue to bill for telemedicine services rendered by affiliates, although an affiliate agreement is not required for an FQHC to be reimbursed as a telemedicine or telehealth distant site provider. FQHCs should bill for telemedicine or telehealth services using the encounter and informational procedure codes outlined in the *Texas Medicaid Provider Procedures Manual, Clinic and Other Outpatient Facility Services Handbook, Section 4.1.2*.

To indicate that remote delivery occurred, FQHCs should use the 95 modifier when submitting claims and encounters. The telemedicine or telehealth service must also meet applicable state statutory and rule scope-of-practice requirements.

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Thank you,