

Telehealth Advisory Committee

Subcommittee Audio Only - Behavioral Health

August 25, 2021, 3:00 PM

Virtual

The public is welcome to join virtually:

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Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item

- 1. Call to Order** Christina Corieri, Co-Chair

Dr. Sara Salek, Co-Chair called the meeting to order.

- 2. Welcome/Introductions** Christina Corieri

Dr. Sara Salek, Co-Chair, welcomed everyone to the first

In attendance:

Amber Portre

Dr. Nicole Masnada

Kimberly Egan

Michael Boylan

Wade McDowell

Dr. Darren Deering

Dr. Richard Dobrusin

Dr. Bryan Davey

Dr. Sara Salek

Patricia Tarango

- 3. Audio-only code set review for BH and next steps** Dr. Sara Salek, Co-Chair

Dr. Salek introduced the Audio Only Code set for review.

Telehealth Code List: [Medical Coding Resources](#)

Dr. Salek explained that AHCCCS had reviewed the code list and included code description, clinical relevance

If a code says face to face, it is recommended that it be removed. It was noted that if it is a CPT code, the group is able

to submit a request to AMA for changes, but that it is ultimately up to the AMA.

Dr. Salek did give clarification that face to face includes audio visual.

Dr. Salek introduced Rhonda Ellison, the AHCCCS Coder Manager, who joined to answer questions and provide additional coding details.

The group reviewed each code and discussed prevalence and clinical use and if a code should be maintained or removed on the audio only code set.

Next steps include reviewing the master code set including the 9000 codes. We will quality check for anything with a UD modifier.

The group was asked to think about if any codes were missing and to share any published literature or best practices to discuss at the next meeting.

4. Subcommittee Meeting Cadence

Dr. Sara Salek

The subcommittee discussed and agreed on a meeting in one month and that the subcommittee will present recommendations to the larger committee in October.

5. Call to the Public

Christina Corieri

The public are urged to send comments to Lauren Prole at lauren.prole@azahcccs.gov.

6. Adjourn

Christina Corieri

Dr. Salek adjourned the meeting.

Please contact Lauren Prole at (602) 417-4528 or lauren.prole@azahcccs.gov with any questions.

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