Telehealth Advisory Committee

Subcommittee Audio Only - Behavioral Health

August 25, 2021, 3:00 PM
Virtual

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Meeting Minutes

Agenda Item

1. Call to Order

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

2. Welcome/Introductions

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 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**

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**

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

6. **Adjourn**

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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