

# Telehealth Advisory Committee

February 17, 2022, 4:00PM  
Virtual

## MEETING MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

Dr. Sara Salek

Meeting called to order 4:04pm

### 2. Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Salek

In attendance:

Amber Porter, Amy Enriquez, Betty McEntire, Bryan Davey, Charles Carpenter, Darren Deering, Kimberly Egan, Manny Romo, Patricia Tarango, Praneetha Elugunti, Ross Goldberg, Shannon Scott, Sue Dahl-Popolizio, Ginny Rountree, William Thompson

### 3. Approve October Meeting Minutes

Dr. Salek

All approved

We will send out the February meeting minutes for review and corrections prior to the next meeting.

### 4. Audio Only Code Crosswalk

Dr. Salek

We will update the list to include Medicare codes, we will create an addendum for the additional codes.

These codes have been reviewed and Medicare is allowing due to PHE.

We want to follow Medicare's coverage.

Post PHE (and if Medicare changes coverage) we can submit a request to AMA.

Vote to add 40 Medicare codes to addendum (Medicare is being more flexible) for 2022.

All committee members agree

A committee member wanted to know if there is a formal approval process report – we did not need approval. They were able to send questions.

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Should health plans move to update system to being approving codes? Yes.

We need to double check statute and law to see how new patients request telephonic only appointments. Need to check if this is a Medicare specific requirement. During PHE, HHS will not be auditing requests for telephonic appointments.

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We will send via email report addendum for review and approval.

Create a Coding Subcommittee with standard process and rationale for the code review.

**5. Telehealth Best Practices Review**

All

- Medical literature, national guidelines, and other guidelines review for AZ adoption consideration
- Next steps in the creation of AZ specific best practice document
- Next Subcommittee – February 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm with Dr. Krupinski

No concerns with having one best practice subcommittee for both physical health and behavioral health.

We will review and adopt public best practice guidelines.

**6. Call to the Public**

Dr. Salek

**7. Next Meeting Dates**

Dr. Salek

**8. Adjourn**

Dr. Salek

Salek adjourns at 4:47pm

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