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To: Executive Directors, Pre-paid Inpatient Health Plans  
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RE: Revision of the COVID-19 Encounter Code Chart

The Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration (BHDDA) continues to review and receive feedback on the COVID-19 Encounter Code Chart. Accompanying this memo is an updated chart that reflects changes in the following areas:

- The chart now reflects that ABA adaptive behavior treatment (97153) and all combos of Community Living Supports (H2015, H0043) can be provided via tele-practice when these services only require verbal cuing or direction and not physical (hands on) prompting, guiding and/or training.

As a reminder, this chart will be in effect for 30 days following the termination of the Governor’s Declaration of a State of Emergency Order (2020-04, COVID-19), or on the first of the following month, whichever is later. The chart clearly delineates which codes can be used with the methods described in the face-to-face guidance as well as those that do not apply. This chart is considered effective as of March 1, 2020 to support the many efforts that have already been undertaken in the field.

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