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TO: Community Behavioral Health Providers
Chief Executive Officers, Medicaid Managed Care Plans
Other Interested Parties
FROM: Maureen M. Corcoran, Medicaid Director
SUBJECT: Rules regarding services provided by telehealth

The following Ohio Administrative Code rules have been revised to implement provisions related to telehealth that were previously enacted through an emergency rule filing.

5160-8-05 “Behavioral health services-other licensed professionals.” The revised rule maintains patient contact requirements for professionals responsible for services rendered by supervised trainees; however, the in-person and face-to-face provisions are removed.

5160-27-04 “Mental health assertive community treatment service.” The revised rule maintains requirements for provider participation in fidelity reviews; however, on-site and minimum score provisions for fidelity reviews are removed. Face-to-face requirements and billing restrictions for ACT services rendered via telephone or video conference are also removed.

5160-27-05 “Mental health intensive home-based treatment service.” The revised rule maintains requirements for provider participation in fidelity reviews; however, on-site and minimum score provisions for fidelity reviews are removed. In-person requirements and billing restrictions for IHBT services rendered via telephone or video conference are also removed.

5160-27-08 “Mental health therapeutic behavioral services and psychosocial rehabilitation.” The requirements for TBS and PSR to be delivered as a face-to face-interventions is removed.

5160-27-12 “Behavioral health crisis intervention provided by unlicensed practitioners.” The requirement for a behavioral health crisis intervention to be face-to-face is removed. Additionally, the requirement that a practitioner may only provide the service if they have previously met and provided the service to the recipient is also removed.

The five rules are to become effective January 1, 2021.

Additional Information

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