

Courtesy Copy: Telehealth Guidelines

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Telehealth Guidelines

Dear Licensees,

In light of COVID-19, many of you have contacted the Board to inquire regarding the ability to provide telehealth services to your clients. As telehealth is part of the scope of practice, please refer to the following link on our website for particular guidelines of such. **Please be aware that you may only provide telehealth services to Maryland residents if you hold a Maryland license.**

http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/SubtitleSearch.aspx?search=10.41.06.*

*****If you are a limited licensee, please be sure that you are continuing to be directly and indirectly supervised per state of Maryland guidelines by your supervisor of record, which includes provision of telehealth services. *****

Additionally, Governor Hogan issued an Executive Order, effective March 16, 2020 regarding healthcare matters. The Executive Order applies primarily to licensees providing services in a healthcare facility. This does not relate to non-healthcare facilities, e.g., school systems, private practice, and licensees should refer to the above regulations for providing telehealth services in the state of Maryland. Here is a link to the Executive Order.

<https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Executive-Order-Health-Care-Matters.pdf>

Finally, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has issued the following information regarding requirements for providers utilizing telehealth services during the COVID-19 nationwide public health emergency, effective immediately. Under this Notice, covered health care providers may use popular applications that allow for video chats, including Apple FaceTime, Facebook Messenger video chat, Google Hangouts video, or Skype, to provide telehealth without risk that the Office of Civil

Rights (OCR) might seek to impose a penalty for noncompliance with the HIPAA Rules related to the good faith provision of telehealth during the COVID-19 nationwide public health emergency.

Providers are encouraged to notify patients that these third-party applications potentially introduce privacy risks, and providers should enable all available encryption and privacy modes when using such applications. For specific information regarding HIPAA compliance regarding the use of telecommunication applications, please refer to the notice through the following link, for detailed information: https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/special-topics/emergency-preparedness/notification-enforcement-discretion-telehealth/index.html?fbclid=IwAR0mIgtBBML5s_hOAK5gfrKQqduCfCNFLYkg2cb0Wa-nIgEos9Hce7S064c

Thank you for your attention to this matter and be well.

Kind regards,

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