Telemedicine Stakeholder Engagement Kickoff

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Purpose

Consider the effects of changes in telemedicine rules and legislation on:

- > Member & provider experience
- > Access
- > Health equity
- > Quality
- > Budget





Goals:

- 1 Information sharing
- Compliance
- **3** Equitable input
- (4) Community

Agenda

- Housekeeping
- Status of Rules and SB-212 legislation
- Billing and policy information for providers
- Share utilization data
- Department plans
- Gather and respond to your questions, comments, and concerns

Housekeeping

Live webinar:

- Mics are muted
- Polling questions
- Use Question Box to enter Questions, Comments, or Suggestions

Post -Webinar:

- Visit

 www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf
 /stakeholder-telemedicine
- Use feedback form
- Billing Manual
- Provider training

Those unable to use digital feedback methods can leave telephone messages on 303.866.2831



• What type of stakeholder are you?

Providers: Did you provide telemedicine services to your patients before the Pandemic?

If you used telemedicine since the emergency rule, which platforms have you used?

Telemedicine

Telemedicine is the delivery of medical services and any diagnosis, consultation, treatment, transfer of medical data or education related to health care services using interactive audio or interactive video communication instead of inperson contact.



Telemedicine Before Emergency

- Audio-visual modality only
- > Fee schedule payment same as in-person visit
- > Billed using member place of service (POS code)
- Incentive payment for select procedure codes
- The Prospective Payment System for FQHC/RHC/IHS included telemedicine costs but a telemedicine service was not a billable visit.



COVID-19 Emergency Rules

On March 20, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, Colorado expanded its telemedicine coverage to include:



Telephone only modality for certain services (and live chat)



Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Clinics, Indian Health Services, and Community Mental Health Centers



Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Home Health, Hospice and Pediatric Behavioral Health Providers



Requires reimbursement for telemedicine services at the same rate as in-person services (payment parity)



Telemedicine Expansion

 Recent legislation (SB20-212) passed which will make the emergency rules permanent.

SB20-212 requires final approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to become permanent. The Department is in the process of requesting such approval from CMS.

Telemedicine Legislation SB20-212



Clarifies the method of communication allowed

Audio-visual, telephone*, live chat, other electronic communication (HIPAA compliant)



Requires payment parity



Affirmed new providers added in emergency rule



Telemedicine Legislation SB20-212

> Requires the Department to post telemedicine utilization data

> Requires the Department to report at SMART legislative

hearing in January 2021



Gaps and Opportunities

- Refine implementation
- Identify policy gaps
- Study eConsults & remote monitoring

POLLS

 What benefit has telemedicine provided to you or your practice?

 What gaps have you experienced since the beginning of emergency telemedicine?

Department Plans







RESEARCH & EVALUATION

UTILIZATION ASSESSMENT & PROVIDER TRAINING

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT



Research & Evaluation

Goals:

- Access to care & utilization
- Promote health equity
 - **3** Quality & member outcomes
- Reimbursement & payment
 - **5** Fiscal stewardship



Research & Evaluation

- Department claims analysis
- Member survey
- RAE survey
- External research & reports
- Stakeholder input



Utilization Assessment









Provider Training

- Billing Manuals on <u>www.colorado.gov/hcpf/bil</u> <u>ling-manuals</u>
- Provider Trainings
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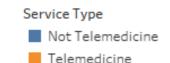
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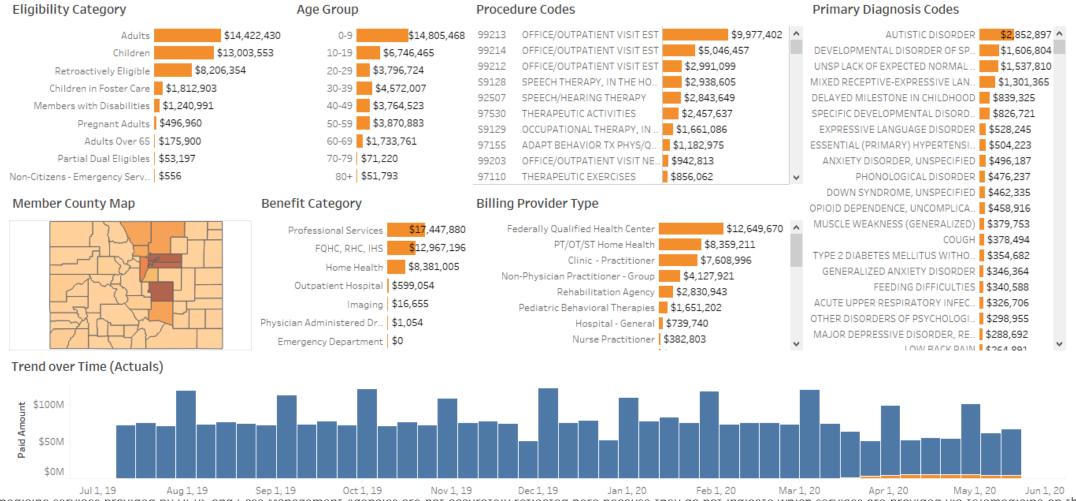
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September 1	Other providers using professional claims billing forms

Invitations will be sent by to specific provider groups for the applicable trainings



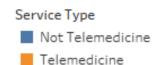
Outpatient, Professional, and Dental Services

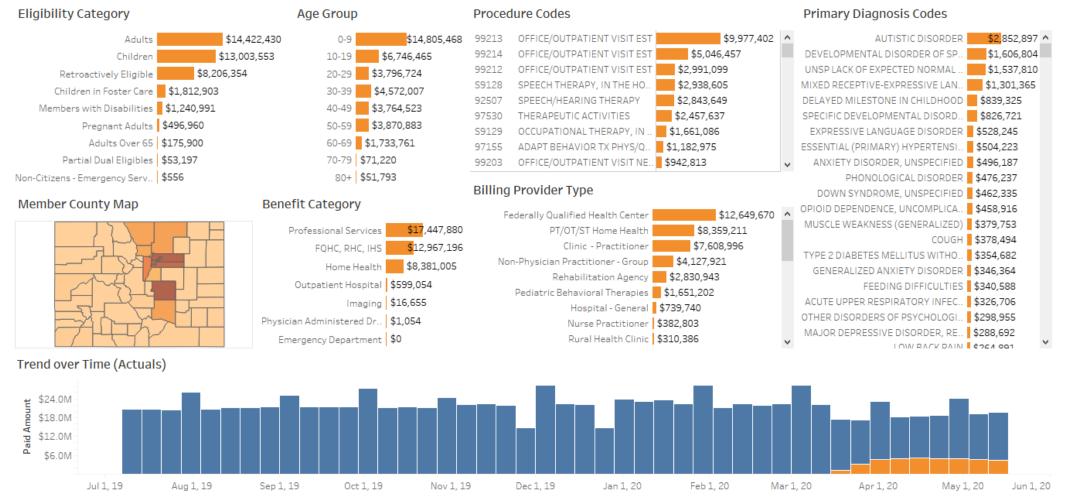




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Outpatient and Professional Services Eligible for Telemedicine

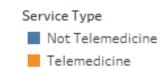


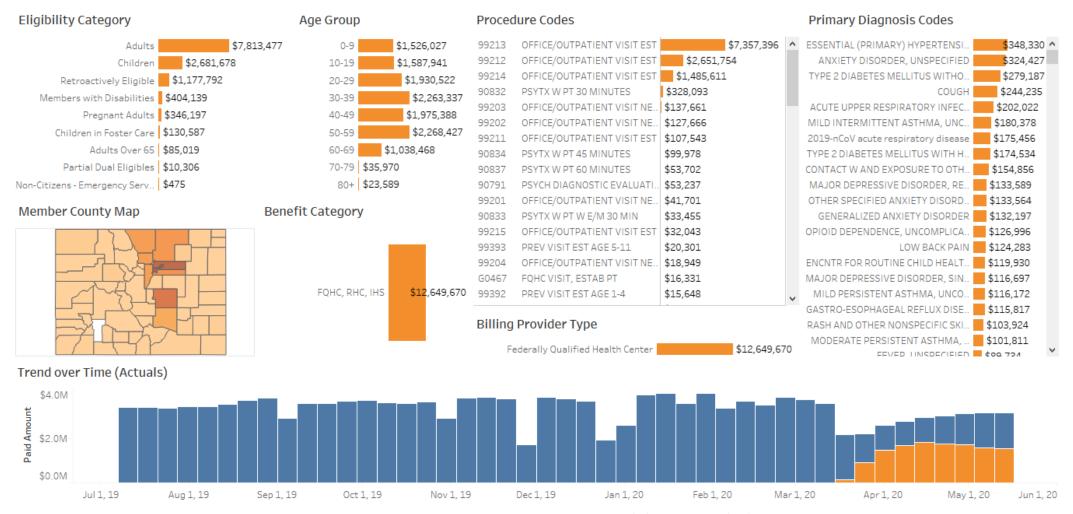


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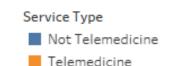


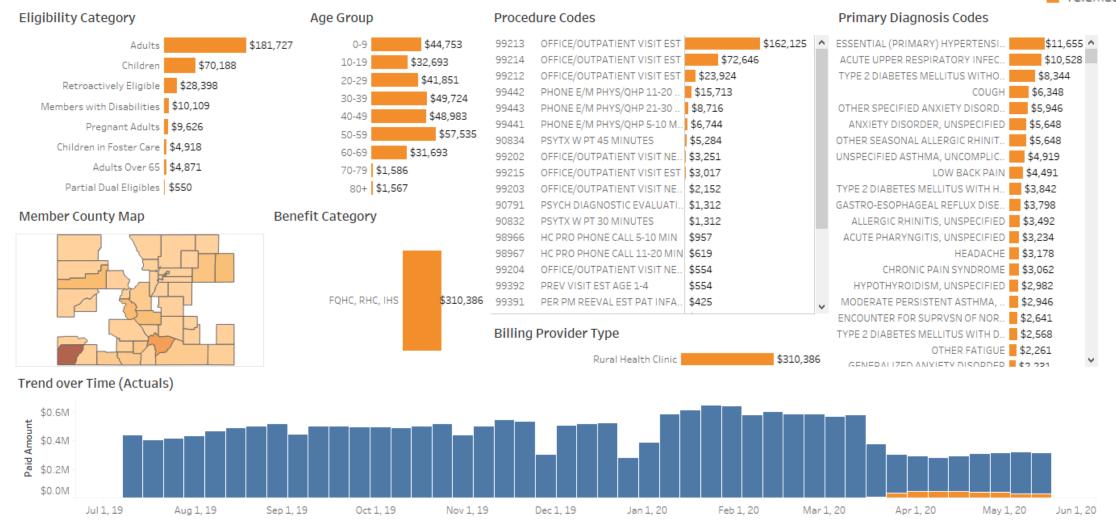


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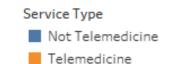


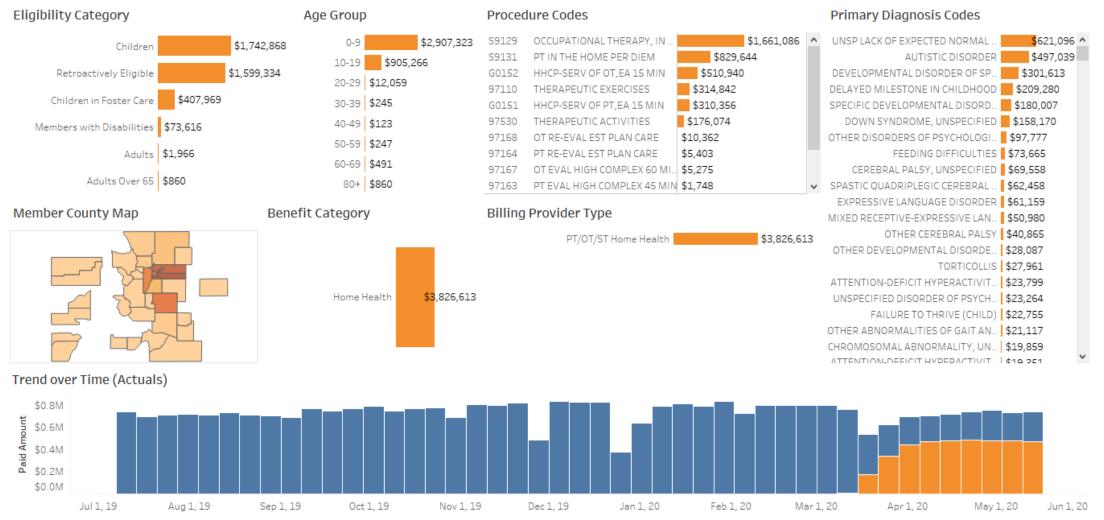


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Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy Home Health





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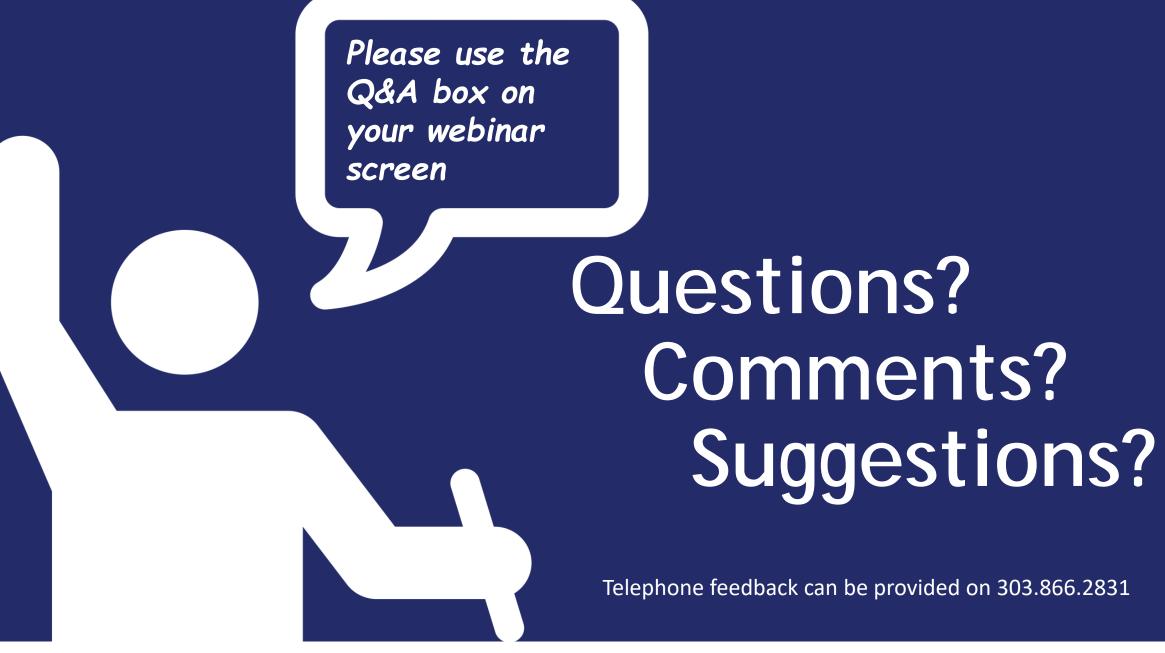


Stakeholder Engagement Activities

- Leverage opportunities to work with other outreach efforts
- Specific Department training with opportunities to offer feedback
- Specific audience or regional engagements with key questions for feedback
- Stakeholder resource web-page with input form



 If you aren't using telemedicine, does this make you more likely to use it?





 What would you be interested in talking about next in Telemedicine forums?

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TBD	Targeted Policy Discussions



Summary & Resources

- Utilization Data posted bi-monthly: www.colorado.gov/hcpf
- Provider Billing Manual: www.colorado.gov/hcpf/billing-manuals

Summary & Resources

- Stakeholder engagement webpage: www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/stakeholdertelemedicine
- Stakeholder feedback on stakeholder page or https://forms.gle/EJGBT4SaTsRPVSvD8
- Telephone feedback 303.866.2831

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Thank you!

