

 **APOGEE HEALTH PARTNERS**

**Network UPDATES – April 2020**

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) – CDC, CMS, HFS and MCO UPDATES:**

Apogee is monitoring the COVID-19 updates that impact our providers.

Telehealth has been a key focus across all government agencies and MCO’s.

**Important Information on Telehealth:**

COVID-19 Emergency Rules have expanded Telehealth. The attached notice is from the HFS website (use link below for electronic review).

<https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalProviders/notices/Pages/prn200330d.aspx>

Use the link below to access Illinois Medicaid’s “frequently asked questions” (FAQs).

<https://www.illinois.gov/hfs/SiteCollectionDocuments/FINALTelehealthRulesChangeFAQs03302020.pdf>

Key Telehealth Billing and Chart/EMR Documentation Points for PCP’s:

* Evaluation and Management E/M codes are billable for both New and Established patients using the modifier GT and the place of service 02
* The E/M visits must meet the key components of a face-to-face encounter
* The visit must be documented in the chart or EMR just as a face-to-face visit
* FaceTime is acceptable under the COVID-19 Emergency Rules
* The e-visit codes are only to be utilized if you have a patient portal in your EMR and should be used for established patients only

**REMINDER NOTE – COVID-19 DIAGNOSIS:**

**EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2020:**

**Chart and bill POSITIVE COVID-19 cases (confirmed by a laboratory) with diagnosis code U07.1**