KanCare Telemedicine Reimbursement Update

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The Division of Health Care Finance (DHCF) is working quickly to make necessary program changes to increase the scope of telemed services available to our KanCare members. Our goal is to encourage members to seek their care through virtual options when appropriate. As such, DHCF is writing a number of policies to add a more robust set of services to the list of approved telemed services. As new codes/services are approved, DHCF will post Kansas Medical Assistance Program (KMAP) bulletins for public consumption.

The reimbursement rates for distant sites for services delivered through telemed will be equivalent to identical services provided in person. The Medicaid fee-for-service fee schedule that is posted on the KMAP website will serve as the source of truth for reimbursement by code. There will be no change in reimbursement level for existing originating sites. In the instances that “home” is the originating site, then there will be no originating site fee paid for that claim.

Any additions made during the emergency declaration period will only be approved for the time specified in the emergency declaration period; at the end of this time, DHCF will revisit these policies and will provide updates as to the future of telemed in Kansas.