

**PROVIDER ADVISORY #2020-007**  
**PROVIDER CODES FOR TELEMEDICINE DURING COVID-19**

**ACTION REQUIRED**

**EFFECTIVE DATE: IMMEDIATELY THROUGH THE EXPIRATION OF THE EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-52**

This advisory is for providers of Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Behavior Analysis, and Specialized Mental Health Counseling. During the COVID-19 State of Emergency, the APD iBudget Waiver allows for these services to be provided via telemedicine.

Providers using telemedicine to deliver services must ensure that the recipient has compatible equipment and the necessary connectivity in order to use telemedicine services delivery method. Both the recipient and the provider must use audio and visual capability. More information regarding telemedicine requirements for therapies can be found in the Florida Medicaid Health Care Alert, [Telemedicine Guidance for Therapy Services and Early Intervention Services](#).

In order to bill for services rendered via telemedicine, the provider must ensure that the method of service delivery is noted within the providers service/case notes. For services delivered via telemedicine, the provider must add a billing modifier of "GT" to the end of the existing procedure code. If the provider is billing for services provided both face-to-face and via telemedicine, these two delivery methods must be billed on two separate lines. Service Authorizations **do not** need to be adjusted to include the new telemedicine procedure code.

The previous WSC advisory (WSC Advisory 2020-013), has been revised to inform waiver support coordinators that current service authorizations do not need to be adjusted. APD is working with WSCS to resolve any billing issues related to authorizations that had already been adjusted .

For more information and resources related to COVID-19 for WSCs, Providers, and APD clients, can be found online at [apdcares.org/covid19](http://apdcares.org/covid19), or in the [APD Guidance for Providers and Waiver Support Coordinators](#).

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