



MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

MINUTE OF THE COMMISSION

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Amendment to the Medical Services Commission Payment Schedule General Preamble

In accordance with Section 26(3) of the *Medicare Protection Act*, the following modification to the Payment Schedule has been approved by the Medical Services Commission, effective immediately:

Amendment:

The first paragraph of Preamble D. 1. is amended to the following (strikethrough deleted and bold added):

"Telehealth Service" is defined as a medical practitioner delivered health service provided to a patient ~~via live image transmission of those images to a receiving medical practitioner at another approved site,~~ through the use of video technology **or telephone**. "Video technology" means the recording, reproducing and broadcasting of live visual images utilizing a direct interactive video link with a patient. ~~If the sending and/or receiving medical practitioner are not in a Health Authority approved site, the medical practitioner is responsible for the confidentiality and security of all records and transmissions related to the telehealth service. In order for payment to be made, the patient must be in attendance at the sending site at the time of the video capture. Only those sServices which are designated as telehealth services are payable by MSP. Other services/procedures require face-to-face encounters.~~ **Consultations, office visits, and non-procedural interventions where there is no telehealth fee may be claimed under the face-to-face fee with a claim note record that the service was provided via telehealth.** Telehealth services do not include teleradiology or tele-ultrasound, which are regulated by their specific Sectional Preambles.

Dr. Robert Halpenny
Chair
Medical Services Commission

Dated this

13th

day of

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