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May 21, 2020

<<<<NOTE: This ALERT is a follow-up to the ALERT dated March 18, 2020>>>>

TO: Psychologists, Licensed Counselors, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists and Licensed (clinical) Social Workers

RE: Alabama Medicaid Extends Additional Behavioral Health Procedure Code Coverage via Telemedicine

As Medicaid continues to monitor the outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Alabama, we are updating the procedure codes which may be billed via telemedicine to include the following:

- **90791**
Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation
- **96130, 96131, 96136, 96137, 96138, 96139**
Psychological testing evaluation services by physician or other qualified health care professional, including integration of patient data, interpretation of standardized test results and clinical data, clinical decision making, treatment planning and report and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s), and test administration and scoring by technician
- **96116, 96121, 96132, 96133,**
Neuropsychological testing evaluation services by physician or other qualified health care professional, including integration of patient data, interpretation of standardized test results and clinical data, clinical decision making, treatment planning and report and interactive feedback to the patient, family member(s) or caregiver(s), and test administration and scoring by technician
- **96146**
Psychological or neuropsychological test administration, with single automated instrument via electronic platform, with automated result

The effective dates for this Alert are March 16, 2020 - June 30, 2020, or at the conclusion of the COVID-19 National emergency, whichever occurs first. Providers can begin submitting claims on May 21, 2020.

During the COVID-19 emergency, it is important to file claims as quickly as possible to ensure payment from Medicaid is made to Medicaid providers close to the date of service. For Medicaid to ensure proper reporting with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), it is necessary to file the claim with place of service '02' (telemedicine) and a modifier of 'CR' for catastrophic/disaster to assist with claims tracking.

Alabama Medicaid will review and verify that requirements for the extension of telemedicine services are being met. Documentation requirements can be found here:

https://medicaid.alabama.gov/documents/4.0_Programs/4.2_Medical_Services/4.2.6_Mental_Health/4.2.6_Temporary_Telemedicine_Services_Testing_Codes_5-21-20.pdf Payments to providers that do not meet the specifications are subject to recoupment.

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If you have questions, please visit the Medicaid website at www.medicaid.alabama.gov, or call the Medicaid Fiscal Agent at 1.800.688.7989.

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