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# UPDATED: Physical, Occupational, Speech Therapy Groups Accessing Telehealth Services End Dates Extended in Response to COVID-19

## What is New?

Effective June 26, 2020, the [Texas Health and Human Services Commission \(HHSC\)](#) is extending the end date to July 31, 2020. HHSC guidance may be found on TMHP website.

We are continuing to evaluate the evolving state and federal legislative and regulatory landscape relating to COVID-19 and will continue to update our practices accordingly.

## Will you cover telehealth for PT/OT/ST?

Yes, beginning March 18, 2020 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX) Medicaid will allow physical, occupational, and speech therapy services to provide telehealth during COVID-19. If there are changes, BCBSTX will provide additional communications. We will process services in accordance with the member’s benefit plan. This applies to existing members who have accessed service with the practice/provider within the last 24 months. State laws and regulations apply

## Which telehealth methodologies can PT/OT/ST providers use?

All telehealth methodologies apply including, telehealth visit (audio or video), virtual check-ins and e-visits.

## Will providers need additional credentialing/criteria?

No, providers may provide services based on their current licensures requirements and enrollment with HHSC.

## Which CPT codes should be billed for telehealth?

BCBSTX Medicaid will reimburse for these specific Medicaid physical, occupational, and speech therapy codes for telehealth.

| Category         | CPT Code | Definition  |
|------------------|----------|---|
| Physical Therapy | 97110    | Therapeutic procedure, one or more areas, each 15 minutes           |
| Physical Therapy | 97112    | Therapeutic procedure, one or more areas, each 15 minutes           |
| Physical Therapy | 97116    | Gait training   |
| Physical Therapy | 97161    | Physical therapy evaluation - low complexity                        |
| Physical Therapy | 97162    | Physical therapy evaluation - moderate complexity                   |
| Physical Therapy | 97163    | Physical therapy evaluation - high complexity                       |
| Physical Therapy | 97164    | Physical therapy re-evaluation                                      |
| Physical Therapy | 97530    | Therapeutic activities, one-to-one patient contact, each 15 minutes |
| Physical Therapy | 97535    | Self-care/home management training, each 15 minutes                 |



| Category             | CPT Code | Definition   |
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| Occupational Therapy | 97110    | Therapeutic procedure, one or more areas, each 15 minutes                                |
| Occupational Therapy | 97112    | Therapeutic procedure, one or more areas, each 15 minutes                                |
| Occupational Therapy | 97165    | Occupational therapy evaluation - low complexity   |
| Occupational Therapy | 97166    | Occupational therapy evaluation - moderate complexity                                    |
| Occupational Therapy | 97167    | Occupational therapy evaluation - high complexity  |
| Occupational Therapy | 97168    | Occupational therapy re-evaluation   |
| Occupational Therapy | 97530    | Therapeutic activities, one-to-one patient contact, each 15 minutes                      |
| Occupational Therapy | 97535    | Self-care/home management training, each 15 minutes                                      |
| Speech Therapy       | 92507    | Treatment of speech, language, voice, communication, and/or auditory processing disorder |
| Speech Therapy       | 92521    | Evaluation of speech fluency   |
| Speech Therapy       | 92522    | Evaluation of speech sound production  |
| Speech Therapy       | 92523    | Evaluation of speech sound production  |
| Speech Therapy       | 92526    | Treatment of swallowing dysfunction and/or oral function for feeding                     |
| Speech Therapy       | 96105    | Assessment of Aphasia and Cognitive Performance Testing                                  |
| Speech Therapy       | 97129    | Therapeutic interventions that focus on cognitive function                               |
| Speech Therapy       | 97130    | Each additional 15 minutes (use in conjunction with 97129)                               |

**Are there specific billing requirements?**

Billing requirement include:

- Place of Service 02
- Appropriate modifier GP/GO/GN in the primary position
- Modifier 95 following the primary modifier

**\*Note:** All claims are subject to a post claims review.

**Are new authorizations required?**

No, existing authorizations for services do not require an update.

**Have questions?**

Contact our BCBSTX Medicaid provider call center at (877) 560-8055 or contact your BCBSTX Medicaid Provider Network Representative at (855) 212-1615.



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