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**TO: Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Providers**

**RE: CMAP COVID-19 Response – Bulletin 31: Updated Synchronized Telemedicine (Audio and Video) Services – for Autism Spectrum Disorder Providers**

In response to the declaration of a public health emergency as the result of COVID-19 (coronavirus) in Connecticut, the following measures are being implemented under various authorities permitted to states during a public health emergency. The following policies are in effect until the state has deemed that COVID-19 is no longer a public health emergency or the Department of Social Services (DSS) otherwise determines that some or all of these specific measures are no longer needed, as communicated in writing through subsequent provider communications disseminated by DSS.

**EXPANSION OF TELEMEDICINE SERVICES:**

Effective May 18, 2020 until the state has declared COVID-19 to no longer be a public health emergency; behavior assessments may be rendered via synchronized telemedicine (audio and video). Providers must use procedure code H0031 (mental health assessment) with the appropriate telemedicine modifier when billing for behavior assessments rendered via synchronized telemedicine.

Providers must use modifier “95” when the HUSKY eligible member is at home and/or modifier “GT” if the member is in a healthcare facility or office.

**ADDITIONAL TELEMEDICINE GUIDANCE AND POLICY:**

DSS issued guidance under PB 2020-09, PB 2020-10, PB 2020-14, PB 2020-25 and PB

2020-38 regarding coverage of telemedicine under CMAP. Please continue to use and refer to these provider bulletins for telemedicine policy.

**PROVIDERS ELIGIBLE TO BILL TELEMEDICINE FOR BEHAVIOR ASSESSMENTS:**

Behavior assessments may only be billed by providers that are authorized by Beacon Health Options, the behavioral health Administrative Services Organization.

**Billing Questions:**

For questions about billing or if further assistance is needed to access the fee schedules on the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program Web site, please contact the Provider Assistance Center, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1-800-842-8440.

**Posting Instructions:**

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**Distribution:**

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