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Interim Virtual Care Codes

The NLMA and the Department of Health and Community Services have agreed on fee code arrangements for virtual care for the interim period **July 7-October 1, 2020**. An MCP Newsletter will be issued in the near future. The key change is for consultants. It will link interim virtual care services to the categories used in the Telemedicine section of the fee schedule. The rates will be revised for the interim period to October 1st, but are not a permanent change to the telemedicine fee schedule. Otherwise, the rules for the interim Pandemic Virtual Care Code (Fee Code 50000) will be unchanged. Consultants are advised they may wish to hold virtual care claims that have not yet been submitted until they review the MCP Newsletter. Claims already submitted for the period since July 7th will receive retroactive adjustments.

Physicians who are preceptors may know that we had been trying to make progress on the issue of billing for learners when utilizing virtual care. Unfortunately we have no progress to report at this time and this issue remains unresolved. We will continue to advocate on this matter, but given the Department's position we cannot provide a timeframe.

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