

Telehealth Expansion and Payment Parity Study

Technical Advisory Group Meeting 1 Notes

Date: 11/01/2022 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Welcome from Minnesota Department of Health (MDH)

- Stefan Gildemeister, Pam Mink, Kristen Ackert, Kelsey Schaenzer

Introduction of TAG Members

- TAG members in attendance
 - Carrie Suplick Benton (SEGIP)
 - Alicia Bauman (Lakewood Health)
 - Karen Amezcua (Blue Cross Blue Shield)
 - Leo Bay (Essentia Health)
 - Bentley Graves (MN Chamber of Commerce)
 - Jean Abraham (UMN)
 - Ryan Jelinek (Hennepin Healthcare)
 - Jonathan Neufeld (gpTRAC)
 - Sue Abderholden (NAMI)
 - TAG member not in attendance: Cara McNulty (CVS Health), Barbara Andreason (Allina Health)

Introduction of SDK as TAG Facilitator

- Stephanie Devitt

Introduction of DHS

- Julie Marquardt, Neeja Singh, Megan Loew

Setting Shared Expectations

- Overview of Enabling [Legislation](#)

T A G M E E T I N G N O T E S

- Review of [TAG Charter](#)
- Open discussion: Operating principals for working together:
 - TAG in convened to advise the Telehealth Expansion and Payment Parity Study, rather than as a Task Force
 - TAG members will receive agendas in advance
 - Lead time allows time for consulting with colleagues as appropriate
 - Agenda is designed to maintain productive meetings
 - TAG members will bring their own personal perspectives to the table as professionals and experts
 - Members will bring their personal and professional experiences to the TAG
 - The TAG will not be a place for official organizational positions
 - TAG members may consult with other colleagues or stakeholders as part of developing their own opinion on the topic of telehealth
 - Official consultation with organizations or interest will be led by MDH or its vendors
- Draft reports will be shared and kept confidential. Seeking input on key ideas is welcome; circulation drafts should be avoided

- Logistics
 - Current plan is for future TAG meetings to remain virtual
 - There is interest in making one or more meetings in person, especially toward fall as research results come forward
 - TAG Members will receive a scheduling poll following the first meeting for the best standing time for meetings going forward into 202s
 - Meeting slides will be sent to TAG members and posted online
 - TAG members may reach out with any materials referenced in meetings and they will be included in follow-up materials

Public Comment

- TAG Meetings are open to the public
- Members of the public are invited to provide comments and input at the end of each TAG meetings
 - Please sign up by filling out the TAG Public Comments Sign-up Form by 5 p.m. on Monday, November 28
 - Include your name, organization/affiliation, and the topic you'd like to discuss
 - Each person will be given two minutes
- No public comments received for 11/1

Materials Shared

Question: Have you seen or been involved with any telehealth analysis you think MDH should consider with this study?

- [An Evidence-Based Roadmap for the Provision of More Equitable Telemedicine](#)
- [Blue Cross Blue Shield Virtual Care White Paper](#)
- [How Emerging Telehealth Models Challenge Policymaking](#)
- [Receipt of Out-of-State Telemedicine Visits Among Medicare Beneficiaries During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [National Survey Trends in Telehealth Use in 2021: Disparities in Utilization of Audio vs. Video Services](#)

The Road Ahead

- The next TAG meeting will be held Tuesday, November 29, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- An early agenda will be delivered to TAG Members ahead of this
 - Will include all studies shared during this meeting/shared after
 - Will also include the rough draft of interim report
- Next meeting will focus on the draft Interim Report
- [MDH Telehealth Study website](#) will be updated with information requested in Meeting 1

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