

Clinical Communication Bulletin 031

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To: All Providers offering Medicaid B and State COVID-19 Benefits

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The Public Health Emergency (PHE) was extended on July 15, 2022 until Oct. 13, 2022.

This will be good news for all providers and members who can continue to use the flexibilities. These will remain in place until notice of PHE ends.

HERE ARE THE KEY DATES ASSOCIATED WITH ANY OTHER FUTURE EXTENSIONS:

- October 13, 2022: Expiration of today's renewal of the PHE.
- November 1, 2022: Earliest date for initiating terminations of Medicaid coverage, assuming the PHE is not renewed.
- Medicaid B flexibilities would remain in place for 60 days after end of PHE.
- Medicaid C / Innovations flexibilities would remain in place for 6 months after end of PHE.

HERE IS WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- 1. Disaster codes CR and GT CR will remain in place
- 2. Enhanced rates associated with COVID-19 will be extended thru November 30, 2022
- 3. Community-based Mobile Crisis Intervention services will continue to have a 5% rate increase through Apr. 1, 2027, as authorized by section 9813 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) (Pub. L. 117-2). This rate will be added to the HCPCS code H2011.
- **4.** All In Lieu of (ILOS) and Alternative Service Definitions associated with COVID-19 will be an extended benefit in the Medicaid B or State-funded service array.



5. It is the provider's responsibility to <u>monitor rates and time periods</u> to ensure accuracy and make the necessary changes to their billing system.

SERVICES AFFECTED INCLUDE:

- Assertive Engagement YA341 CR
- Disaster Outreach and Engagement H0038 HI
- A CR Disaster Coordination Rehabilitation and Support H2017 CR
- Home Monitoring through Virtual Supervision S5135 GT U5
- Rapid Response Team H2011 U5 CR
- ▲ Community Inclusion and Support T2021 HI CR (individual)
- △ Community Inclusion and Support T2021 HI HQ CR (Group

Thank you for your attention to this communication. All questions related to this Clinical Communication Bulletin can be sent to UM@TrilliumNC.org. Questions will be responded to as quickly as possible.