

Regulatory Suspensions Extended

Magellan wants to ensure that our provider network is informed about the most recent legislative action regarding waived and suspended regulations. As you recall, on September 30, 2021, Governor Wolf signed House Bill 1861 (Act 73 of 2021) which extended regulatory waivers granted in response to the COVID-19 emergency through March 31, 2022. Last week, on March 30, 2022, Governor Wolf signed Senate Bill 1019, which again extended certain regulatory waivers. This action, now known as Act 14 of 2022, extends waivers until June 30, 2022.

The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) has published a helpful guide on the list of regulations that continue to be waived as a result of Act 14. Please note that Act 14 of 2022 only affects state regulations that were suspended under the state disaster emergency declaration and were to be reinstated on March 31, 2022. In addition, some regulations were reinstated prior to September 30, 2021 and were not subject to Act 73 of 2021 (or Act 14 of 2022). Those regulations are also designated in the chart of Suspended Regulations on the DHS website.

As a reminder, in accordance with <u>OMHSAS-21-09</u>, Magellan continues to support the permanent use of Telehealth and the development of strategies that minimize service disruptions for members and stabilize the service delivery system. Telehealth related waivers that have been granted by OMHSAS with an April 1, 2022 start date will be good through March 31, 2023 and DO NOT need to be resubmitted. Should the legislation expire without another act, the waiver will be good for the remainder of the time period. If you have any questions, please email to <u>ra-pwtbhs@pa.gov</u>.

Additional direction will be coming in the near future related to specific claims submission guidelines for Telehealth, including audio-only modifiers and Place of Service (POS) coding. Magellan is currently awaiting direction from OMHSAS regarding the utilization of informational modifiers 95 and FQ; as well as POS Code 10 vs. 02. Please note that a Winter 2022 Magellan Provider Focus article that discusses coding for Telehealth claims is not applicable to Pennsylvania HealthChoices; however,

we <u>are</u> currently able to accept both POS 02 and 10 for Telehealth services. Additionally, the Magellan <u>Telehealth FAQ</u> remains available on our website and will be updated upon expiration of the regulatory suspensions.

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