School Health and Related Services (SHARS) – COVID-19 Telehealth Services

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SHARS – Covid 19 Telehealth Services

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Introduction
Looks ill, but just isn't wearing any makeup.

Hat to cover bed head

Huge shirt w/ coffee stains

Cat fur everywhere

Cold brew in a wine glass

Ipad I have to charge...
Parental Consent and Annual Notice/HHSC Third Party Liability Billing Policy
Informed consent is agreement to do something or to allow something to happen only after all the relevant facts are disclosed.

- **Prospective Consent**: Consent for future services/billing.
- **Targeted Distribution**: Consent is applicable to a child receiving eligible special education services and who has been identified as Medicaid eligible.
- **Annual Notice**: Annual opportunity to discuss SHARS.
- **Age of Majority**: New consent is not required, but adult students have the opportunity to deny consent.
Third Party Liability Policy- Expectation for District/ Charter

- Explain the policy to the parent(s) or adult student.
- Explain their right to refuse to SHARS participation.
- Explain that special education services will be free regardless of SHARS participation. Public schools and charters must provide a free and appropriate public education (FAPE).
- If parents produce an insurance document,
  - verify whether the document is a bill or an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) that may not indicate that money is owed; and
  - if it is an insurance bill, contact the TMHP Contact Center at 1-800-925-9126.
SHARS Interim Billing for Telehealth Services
If a school that participates in the School and Health Related Services (SHARS) program provides instruction to a Medicaid-eligible student during this time...

If an LEA continues to provide educational opportunities to the general population during a school closure, the school must ensure that students with disabilities also have equal access to the same opportunities.

(34 CFR §§ 104.4, 104.33 (Section 504) and 28 CFR § 35.130 (Title II of the ADA)).

To the greatest extent possible, each student with a disability is provided the special education and related services identified in the student’s IEP.

(34 CFR §§ 300.101 and 300.201 (IDEA), and 34 CFR § 104.33 (Section 504)).
...the school may seek Medicaid reimbursement for SHARS services delivered through telemedicine or telehealth, ...

Telehealth is...

health-care services delivered by a health professional acting within the scope of the license to a patient at a different physical location using telecommunications or information technology.

Telehealth is NOT...

- A telephone consultation
- A text or email message
- A fax
Assuming all other SHARS program requirements are met.

ARD/ IEP SHARS Service Guidelines
- Direct service
- Frequency and Duration
- Timely log records
- Eligibility Assessment

More than one medically necessary telehealth service may be reimbursed for the same date and same place of service if the services are billed by providers of different specialties.

TEA Covid guidance implementation

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...obtain informed consent to treatment from the parent, or the adult student prior to rendering ...a telehealth service. Consent may be written or verbal and must be documented in the student’s medical records.

**Documentation:**
- Date of discussion
- Name of parent
- Discussion notes
- Name of staff

**TEA’s requirement for communication with families may meet this requirement.**
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TEA Website:
https://tea.texas.gov/Academics/Special_Student_Populations/Special_Education/Programs_and_Services/School_Health_and_Related_Services/

HHSC Rate Analysis SHARS website:
https://rad.hhs.texas.gov/acute-care/school-health-and-related-services-shars

Texas Medicaid Providers Procedure Manual (TMPPM) & Telecommunication Services Handbook:
http://www.tmhp.com/TMHP_File_Library/Provider_Manuals/TMPPM/2020/Apr_2020%20TMPPM.pdf
Resources

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TEA Bulletin Service for SHARS Updates:
https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXTEA/subscriber/new