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MEMORANDUM

TO: WVCHIP Providers

FROM: Jean Kranz, MBA, MS
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DATE: March 17, 2020

SUBJECT: **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Policy**

The West Virginia Children's Health Insurance Program (WVCHIP) has temporarily implemented the following policies in response to COVID-19 being declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization:

- **Screening telehealth visits** provided to WVCHIP members at "home" as the originating site are allowed for screening visits. The provider must have the capability to clearly visually examine the member. CPT codes 99211 and 99212 billed with a place of service code 02 or modifier GT are reimbursable. Text messaging and email communications are not reimbursable. This policy will help keep healthy children out of the office and reduce anxiety for parents. Examples of some conditions that can be addressed by this change are rashes, poison ivy, and follow-ups to ADHD, anxiety, and depression medications.
- **Psychological testing services provided through telehealth** are reimbursable through May 31, 2020. This includes services billed under CPT codes 96113, 96130, 96131, 96132, 96136, 96137, and 96146 billed with a place of service code 02 or modifier GT.
- **Refill restrictions** on early refills of 30-day prescriptions for maintenance medications at any in-network pharmacy are temporarily waived. Maintenance medications can now be refilled ahead of schedule.
- **Free home delivery of prescriptions** through CVS Pharmacy®. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) encourages people at higher risk of COVID-19 complications to stay at home as much as possible, so this convenient option will help members avoid going to the pharmacy for refills or new maintenance prescriptions.
- **COVID-19 testing** is reimbursable by billing HCPCS codes U0001 and U0002 for dates of service on or after February 4, 2020.

WVCHIP continues to monitor this situation and work closely with our state and federal partners and will issue additional guidance as necessary.