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10.09.50 EPSDT School Health-Related Services or Health-Related Early Intervention Services

Authority: Health-General Article, §§2-104(b), 15-103, and 15-124, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

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The Secretary of Health proposes to amend Regulation .07 under COMAR 10.09.50 EPSDT School Health-Related Services or Health-Related Early Intervention Services.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to permit coverage of telehealth services rendered via audio-only and audio-visual technology by removing a categorical exclusion on services not rendered in person.

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has an impact on individuals with disabilities as follows:

The proposed action impacts children receiving school-based services pursuant to an IEP or an IFSP because it enables them to access certain services remotely, making their care less dependent on the in-person school setting.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Jason Caplan, Director, Office of Regulation and Policy Coordination, Maryland Department of Health, 201 West Preston Street, Room 512, Baltimore, MD 21201, or call 410-767-6499 (TTY 800-735-2258), or email to mdh.regs@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-767-6483. Comments will be accepted through September 13, 2021. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

.07 Payment Procedures.

- A. (text unchanged)
- B. Providers may not bill the Program for:
- (1) Services *not* rendered [by mail or telephone or in which the participant is not present;] in person, unless the services are provided in compliance with COMAR 10.09.49 and any guidance issued by the Department:
 - (2)—(4) (text unchanged)
 - C.—E. (text unchanged)

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