



**Telemedicine
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Telemedicine Learning Objectives

- About Telemedicine
- Telemedicine Services
- Telemedicine Financials



About Telemedicine

- Began coverage for Psychiatry and Dermatology specialists in 2010 (50 mile limitation)
- Expanded to all physician types with Alabama Medical license in 2012 (50 mile limitation removed)
- Certain procedure codes are covered through telemedicine
- No origination or transmission fees are paid



Telemedicine Provider Types

- Physicians with an Alabama medical license and enrolled as Medicaid provider are eligible to perform certain medically necessary telemedicine services to Medicaid eligible recipients.
- Providers who are enrolled through the Rehabilitative Option Program administered by State Agencies (DMH, DHR, DYS)



Telemedicine Participation

- In order to participate in the Medicaid telemedicine program:
 - Physician must submit the Telemedicine Service Agreement/Certification form located on Medicaid website at <http://medicaid.alabama.gov>
 - Physician must obtain prior consent from recipient/patient before services are rendered



Telemedicine Billing

- Telemedicine visits count as a part of benefit limit of 14 annual physician office visits currently allowed
- Telemedicine services must be administered via interactive audio and video telecommunications system with 2-way communication between the physician at the distant site and the origination site where recipient is located



Telemedicine Billing

- Phone, e-mail, or fax communications between physician and recipient, or consultation between two physicians are not covered
- Health care providers must ensure telecommunication technology and equipment used at both physician and recipient sites is sufficient to allow appropriate evaluation, diagnosis, and/or treatment of recipient for services billed



Telemedicine Billing

- Transmissions must employ acceptable encryption to protect confidentiality/integrity of transmission information and acceptable authentication/identification procedures for sender/receiver
- Provider shall maintain appropriately trained staff immediately available in person to recipient receiving telemedicine service to attend to any emergencies that may occur during session
- Provider shall implement protocols that protect the confidentiality of the individuals and the integrity of the information transmitted

Telemedicine Billing

- Telemedicine claims should be billed with modifier GT
- Medicaid recognizes claims with place of service 02 and the new CPT modifier 95, but does not require them for Medicaid claims

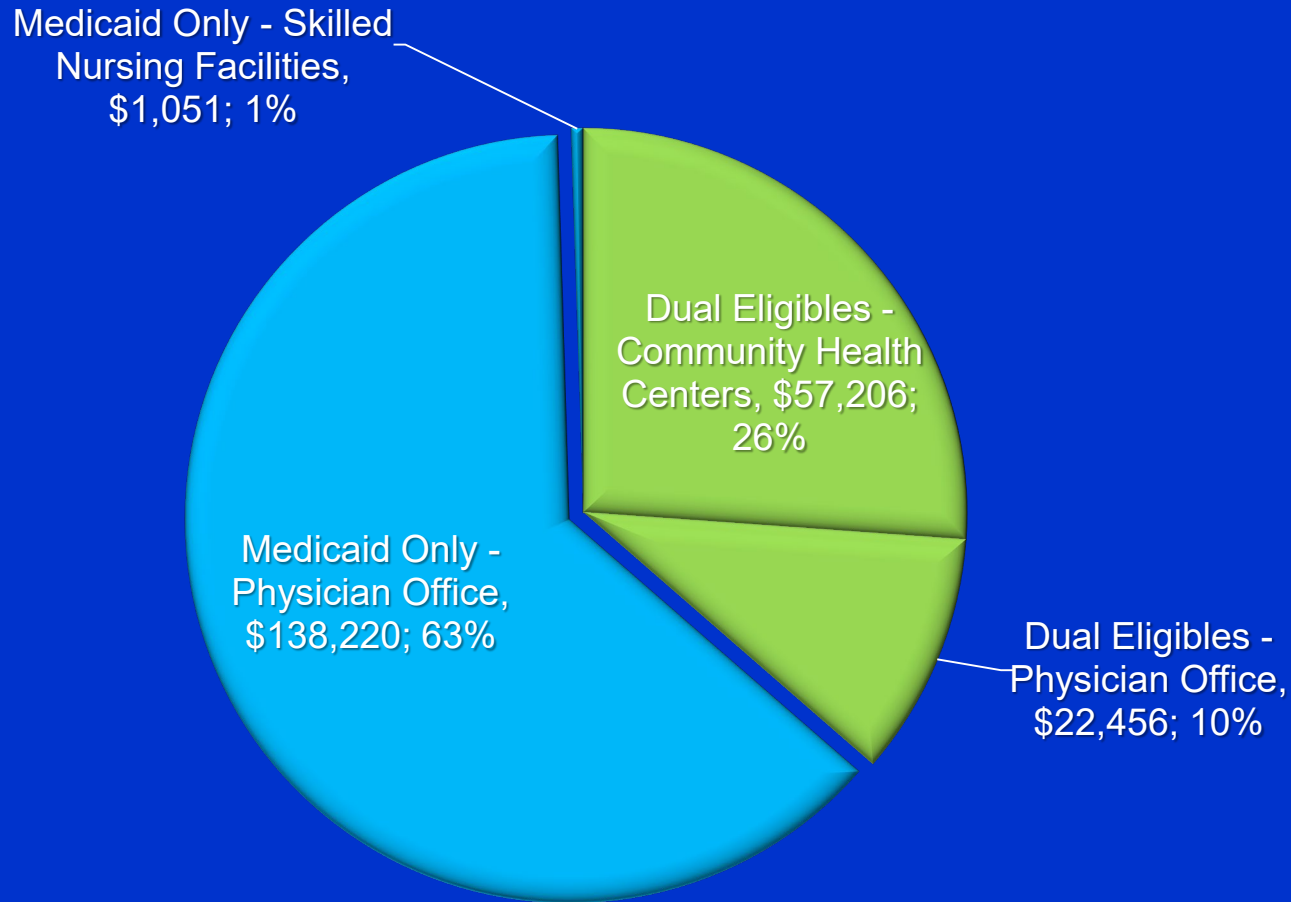


Telemedicine Procedure Codes

- Consultations (99241-99245, 99251-99255)
- Office or other outpatient visits (99201-99205, 99211-99215)
- Individual psychotherapy (90804-90809)
- Psychiatric diagnostic (90801)
- Neurobehavioral status exam (96116)



Telemedicine Financials FY 2018 through 8/1/18



Coming Soon To Alabama Medicaid

- Alabama Coordinated Health Network (ACHN) is an innovative plan to transform health care provided to Medicaid recipients in Alabama
- This effort will build off of the Agency's current case management program structure
- Effective October 1, 2019
- For more details on the ACHN, visit Medicaid's website at www.medicaid.alabama.gov and click on the ACHN tab



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