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TO: Development Evaluation Centers

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SUBJECT: Telehealth Coverage for services provided by Developmental Evaluation Centers

In response to circumstances surrounding coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) is announcing temporary modifications to policies related to telehealth coverage. The policy changes outlined below will remain in effect for the duration of the current declared public health emergency, unless SCDHHS determines they should sunset at an earlier date. SCDHHS will begin accepting claims for these policy changes beginning May 1, 2020, for dates of service on or after March 15, 2020.

SCDHHS will reimburse Developmental Evaluation Centers (DECs) for the following services when provided via telehealth by a physician, nurse practitioner (NP), physician assistant (PA), or psychologist:

HCPCS Code	Description
T1023	Neurodevelopmental Evaluation and Screening
T1023-TF	Neurodevelopmental Evaluation and Screening, Follow-up
T1024	Psychological Developmental Evaluation and Screening
T1024-TF	Psychological Developmental Evaluation and Screening, Follow-up

Services offered via telehealth are subject to the same duration requirements and service limits as services delivered face-to-face. Additionally, DEC providers must ensure that:

- Services meet the standard threshold for medical necessity;
- The telephonic or video interaction is of sufficient quality and/or resolution to sufficiently perform the service being billed; and,
- The patient (or parent/guardian) has consented to the delivery of care via telephone or video interaction.

Services delivered via telehealth should be billed with a ‘GT’ modifier. The GT modifier should be billed second, after the ‘TF’ modifier, in those instances where a follow-up service is provided.

Thank you for your continued support of the South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid program.