COVID-19 Reimbursement Panel Discussion UNCUT



Today's Panelist are...

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- Wayne van Halem –President of The van Halem Group
- Dan Fedor- Director of Reimbursement and Education
- Craig Douglas- Vice President of Payer Relations

Implications of NCDs/LCDs during the Public Health Emergency (PHE) per IFR

Clinical indications/coverage criteria suspended		
temporarily during the PHE		
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Product Categories		
	NCD 240.2 Home Oxygen	
	NCD 240.4 Continuous Positive Airway Pressure	
	for Obstructive Sleep Apnea	
	LCD L33800 Respiratory Assist Devices (ventilators	
	for home use)	
	NCD 240.5 Intrapulmonary Percussive Ventilator	
	LCD L33797 Oxygen and Oxygen Equipment (for	
	home use)	
	NCD 190.11 Home Prothrombin	
	Time/International Normalized Ratio (PT/INR)	
	Monitoring for Anticoagulation Management	
	NCD 280.14 Infusion Pumps	
	LCD L33794 External Infusion Pumps	
	NIV	

	nical indications/coverage criteria must met
Pro	oduct Categories
	Manual Chairs
	Hospital Beds
	Nebs
	HFCWO
	NPWT
	PCD
	Support Surfaces
	Prosthetic, Orthotics
	Supplies (ostomy, catheters, wound)

- In person visit/face to face <u>IS required</u> as it's a statutory requirement
 In person visit may be conducted via telehealth (audio and video)
- Clinical indications/coverage criteria must be met

Product Categories

- ☐ Power Mobility Devices (PMDs)
- ☐ Therapeutic Shoes for Diabetes

Let's be good stewards, this is our time to shine as an industry. Please do not abuse the situation, we do not want any more stringent guidelines as well as audits.

Telehealth

CMS has used language that has caused confusion regarding use of telehealth for DMEPOS Orders

Fact Sheet from March 13th describes "Virtual Services"

- Telehealth Audio and Video
- Virtual check-ins Audio or Video
- E-visits Through patient portals
- Fact Sheet from March 30 included a section on Telehealth
 - "Providers also can evaluate beneficiaries who have audio phones only."

Telehealth

IFC also dated March 30

- § 410.78(a)(3) states that telephones, facsimile machines, and electronic mail systems do not meet the definition of an interactive telecommunications systems (ITS) for purposes of Medicare telehealth services.
- Does not apply to devices that include audio and video real-time interactive capabilities, even though such devices are now referred to colloquially as "phones" since they can also be used for audio-only telecommunications.
- Exception For the duration of the PHE, ITS means multimedia communications equipment that includes, at a minimum, audio <u>and</u> video equipment permitting two-way, real-time interactive communication between the patient and distant site physician or practitioner.

Telehealth

FAQ released on April 9, 2020

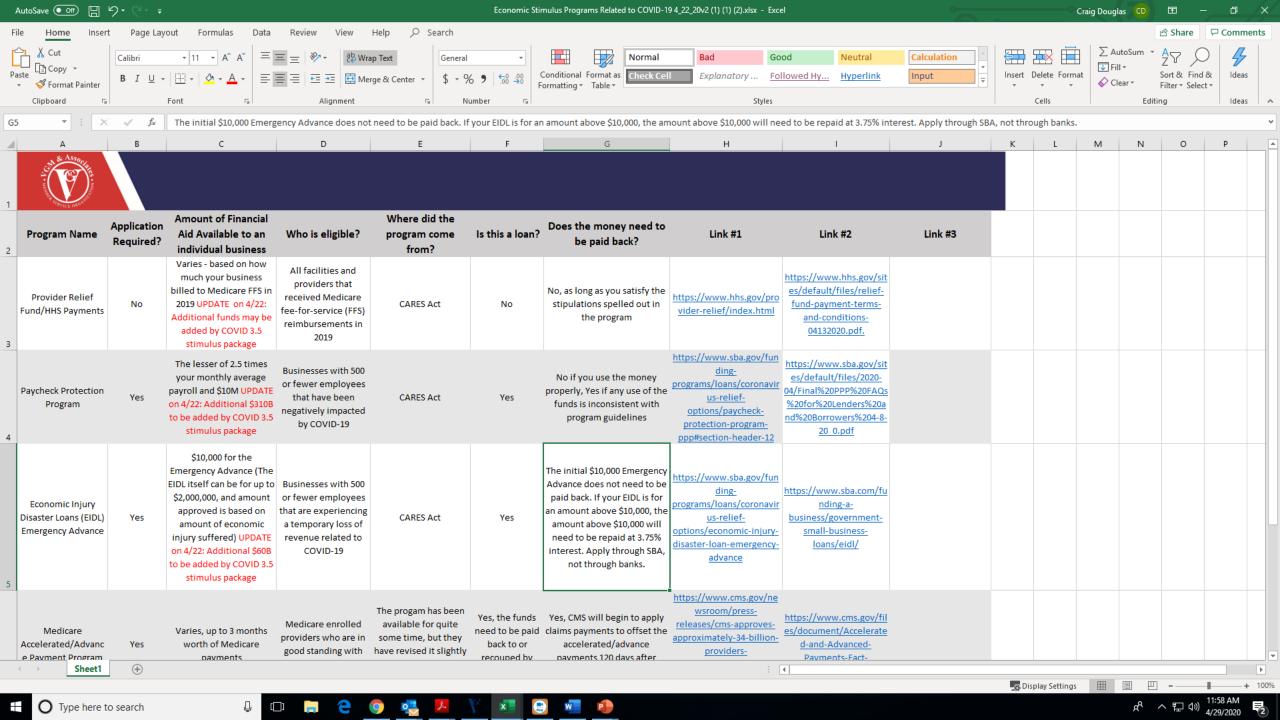
- **Question**: Can practitioners provide Medicare telehealth services using their phones?
- Answer: Yes, for *use of certain phones*. Section 1135(b)(8) of the Social Security Act allows the Secretary to authorize use of *telephones that have audio and video capabilities* for the furnishing of Medicare telehealth services during the COVID-19 PHE...

Face-to-Face

- A telehealth visit can satisfy a F2F requirement
- It is unclear as of now whether a virtual check in will meet the requirements of a F2F
- But remember, there is no F2F during the PHE
- It is just an issue of how CMS goes about requalifying these patients
 - Will virtual check-ins satisfy F2F requirements?

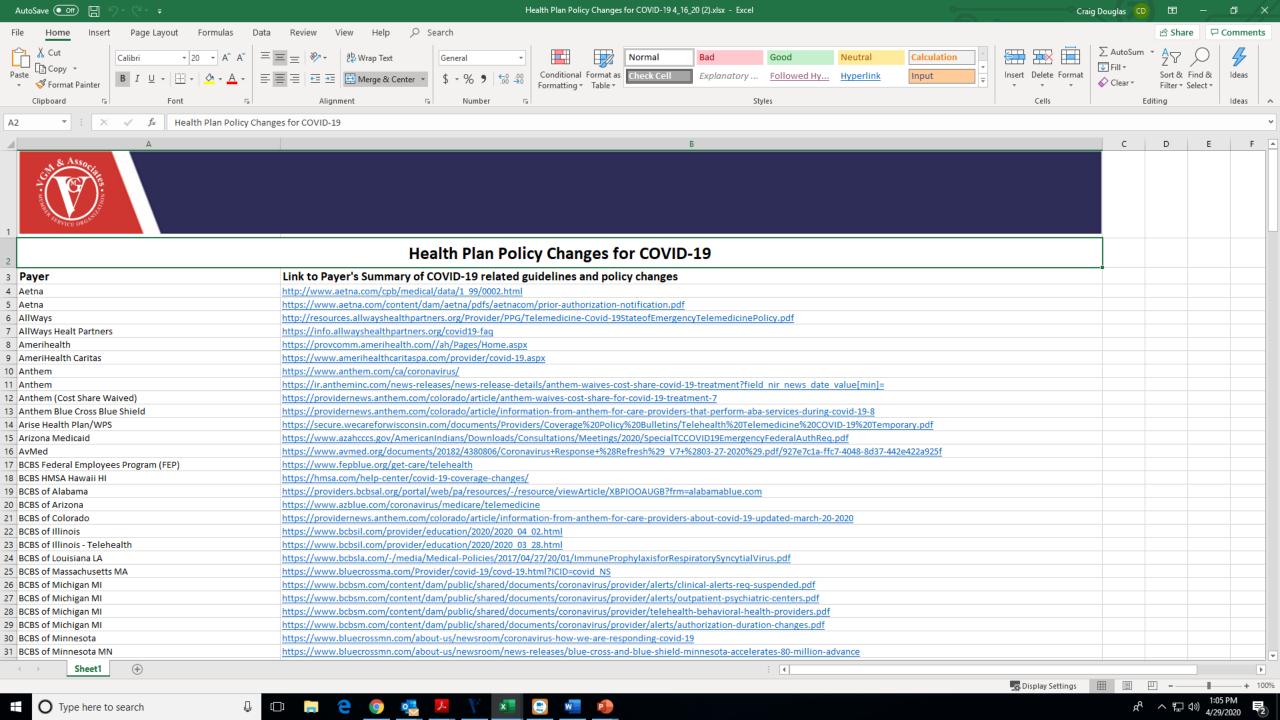
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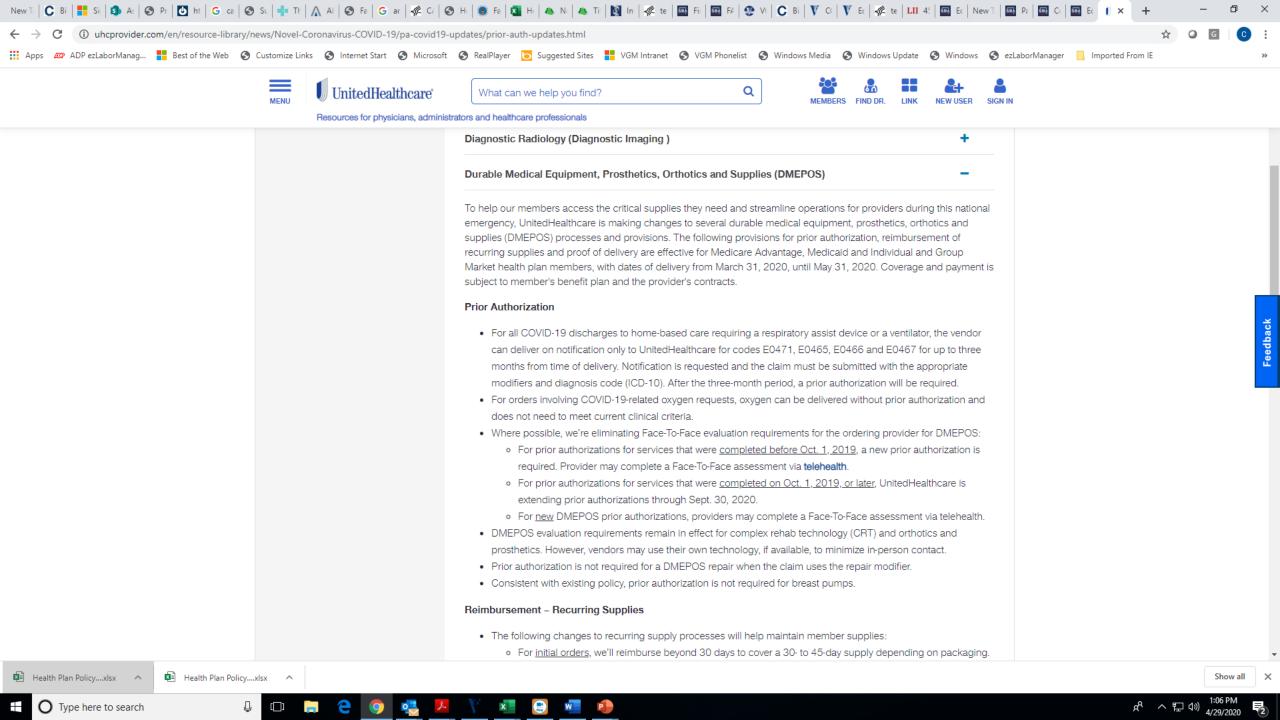
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Payer Changes Summary Tool

 https://www.vgm.com/coronavirus/billingreimbursement/healthplanpolicychanges/





Questions

Thank you!



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