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Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, Rehabilitation Agencies, Speech and Hearing Clinics, Speech-Language Pathologists, Therapy Groups, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

REGARDING

Enhanced Reimbursement for Therapy Provided as Part of the Birth to 3 Program Using Telehealth

ForwardHealth is temporarily altering certain policy requirements in order to prevent further spread of the disease and effectively treat existing cases. **These changes are implemented in response to COVID-19 and issued pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 49.45(61). ForwardHealth will publish additional guidance about the topics addressed in this Alert when the temporary policies related to COVID-19 expire.**

Enhanced Reimbursement for Therapy Provided as Part of the Birth to 3 Program Using Telehealth

ForwardHealth will reimburse therapy providers supplying services as part of the Birth to 3 Program at an enhanced rate when occupational therapy, physical therapy, and/or speech therapy is performed using telehealth and the member is located in their natural environment as defined in both 34 C.F.R. Part 303 and Wis. Admin. Code § DHS 90.03(25). To receive this reimbursement, therapy providers must meet all other requirements and indicate modifier TL (Early intervention/individualized family service plan [IFSP]) when submitting claims.

Refer to the [Natural Environment Enhanced Reimbursement](#) topic (#2710) of the ForwardHealth Online Handbook for more information.