

**An Important Message from
The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)**

Home Telemonitoring Services Adding FQHC and RHC as Providers

Background:

House Bill (H.B.) 2727, 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023 directs HHSC to add Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) as providers of home telemonitoring services. In addition, the bill clarifies that the term “home telemonitoring services” is synonymous with “remote patient monitoring”, requires home telemonitoring providers to establish a plan of care with outcome measures for each patient, and requires providers to share the plan and outcome measures with the patient’s physician.

H.B. 2727 will implement on September 1, 2024. The new policy will go into effect, and FQHCs and RHCs will be eligible for reimbursement when providing home telemonitoring services.

Key Details:

Effective for dates of service on or after September 1, 2024, FQHC and RHC providers performing home telemonitoring services may bill and be reimbursed for HCPCS code G0511 as an add-on procedure code.

FQHCs should note that the home telemonitoring fee should not be included in any cost reporting that is used to calculate a prospective payment system (PPS) or alternative prospective payment system (APPS) per visit encounter rate.

RHCs should note that the home telemonitoring fee should not be included in any cost reporting that is used to calculate the RHC All Inclusive Rate (AIR) PPS per visit encounter rate.

If an FQHC or RHC is eligible for the payment of both an encounter fee and a home telemonitoring fee for the same client on the same date of service, the FQHC or RHC must submit a claim for the home telemonitoring fee separately from the claim that was submitted for the encounter.

Clarifications for telemedicine and telehealth include that FQHC practitioners may be employees of the FQHC or contracted with the FQHC. In addition, RHC practitioners may be employees of the RHC or contracted with the RHC.

Providers who provide home telemonitoring services through an FQHC or RHC should review the new policy when it publishes September 1, 2024.

Questions?

Please contact UnitedHealthcare Customer Service at 888-887-9003, 8 a.m.–6 p.m. CT, Monday–Friday.