

## **MWCC - Expansion of the rule for Telemedicine Services**

The practice of Telemedicine is currently covered in the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission (MWCC) 2019 Fee Schedule but is limited to only physicians holding a valid Mississippi license. MWCC has reevaluated Telemedicine/Telehealth/Virtual services during the current COVID-19 crisis and is providing an expansion of the rule.

As of 03/16/2020, the MWCC has authorized the expansion of the electronic communication rule via Telemedicine/Telehealth/Virtual services to workers' compensation patients not only to physicians but also to include the following: physician assistants, nurse practitioners, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists, psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, dietitians who are licensed to practice in Mississippi.

Reimbursement for services provided via Telemedicine/Telehealth/Virtually shall not be denied by workers compensation payors for CPT codes noted with a star icon and billed with Modifier 95. These codes are listed in Appendix P of the CPT manual and will be posted separately on the MWCC website. Additionally, CPT codes for services that are typically billed by PT/OT/ST on pages 295 and 296 of the 2019 fee schedule are authorized to be provided via electronic communication.

At the present, the timeline for the expansion of this rule will extend from 03/16/2020 to 06/30/2020. This notice is subject to change at any time at the discretion of the Mississippi Workers' Compensation Commission. Please visit <https://mwcc.ms.gov/#/home> for up-to-date information.