

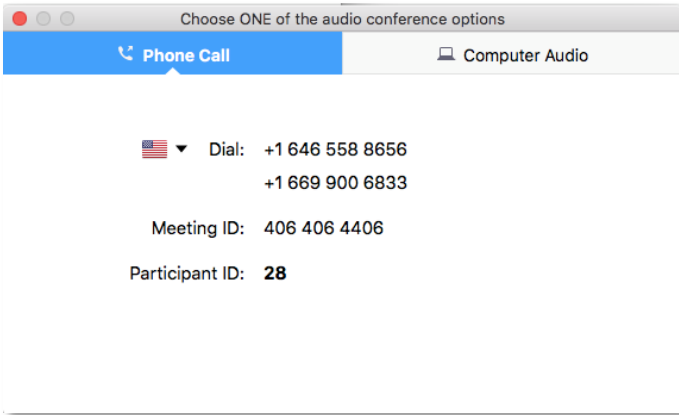


Telehealth Tuesday: UDS and Policy Updates

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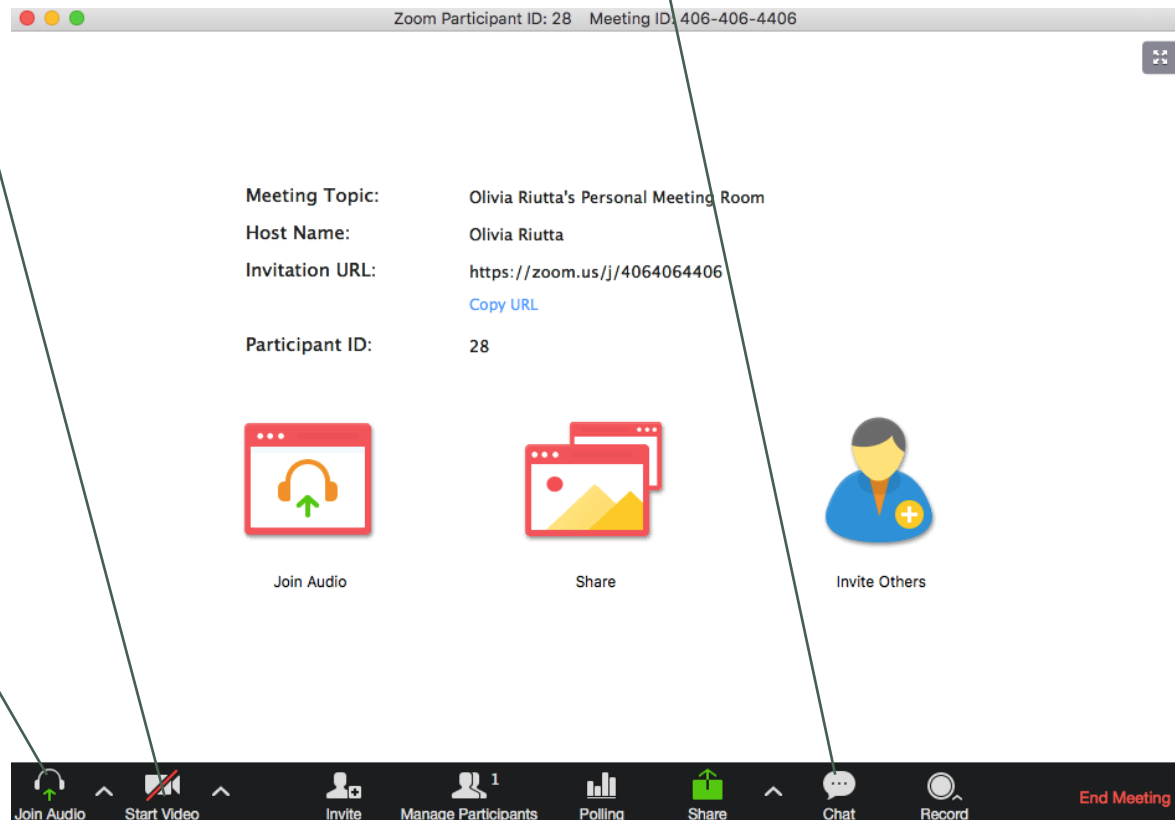
Zoom tips and tricks!

CHAT: Please jump in if you have something to share, but we also have this nifty chat function.



VIDEO: We want to see you!
If your camera isn't on, start your video by clicking here.

ATTENDANCE: If there are multiple attendees together on the call, please list the names and your location in the chat box



AUDIO: You can use your computer speakers or your phone for audio. The phone is generally better quality. If you click "Join Audio," this "Choose one..." box will pop up. If you dial in, just make sure you include your audio code.

MUTE/UNMUTE: *6 or click the mic on the bottom left of your screen.



Agenda

- Upcoming Events
- Telehealth and UDS with Leslie
- Policy Updates with Toni
- Telehealth Funding Updates/Opportunities
- Peer Discussion and Q&A

Upcoming HCCN Sessions

TELEHEALTH TUESDAY SESSIONS

3rd Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m.

February 16

March 16

April 20

May 18

June 15

July 20

August 17

September 21

OTHER HCCN EVENTS

UDS Office Hours with Leslie Southworth
Office Hours from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

January 22, 28

HIPAA Webinar Series with Susan Clarke

CURES Act Compliance: Prevent Information Blocking
February 18th at 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 25 at 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, June 17 at 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, September 16 at 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 16 at 11:00 a.m.

MPCA Events



Table 5 Virtual Visits:

STAY TUNED!
There may be an update
to Table 5 in the works!

eCW Telehealth Module

- Visit and patient count based on “healow visit type” set-up in eCW application
- Skype audio or video call placed

Not Utilizing Telehealth Module

- CPT codes: G0071, G0406-G0408, G0425-G0427, G2025, G0071
- or modifier “95”
- or POS “02” or “50”

NOTES: HRSA manual is only recognizing G codes, HRSA has said if not a g-code (different codes depending on your state) but can use the modifier or POS. If you are using a claim-based eBO package eCW is not recognizing 50 for POS, only POS 02 code used to identify for telehealth

Table 5 Virtual Visits-check prompt page

Map Telehealth Visit Types if you use another telehealth platform besides eCW Telehealth

The screenshot displays a web interface for mapping telehealth visit types. It is divided into several sections:

- Facility:** A list of facilities with checkboxes, including Boca South, Ready Med Allergy and Asthma Clinic, Ready Med Cardiology Clinic, Ready Med CCM Services, Ready Med Dental Clinic, Ready Med Dermatology, Ready Med Ear Nose & Throat, Ready Med Endocrinology, Ready Med Flowcharts, Ready Med Gastroenterology, and Ready Med GraniteState PT Clinic. Below the list are 'Select All' and 'Deselect All' links.
- Exclude Visit Type:** A search box with a 'Search' button and a dropdown menu labeled 'Options'. Below are two empty result boxes, each with 'Select All' and 'Deselect All' links. Between the boxes are 'Insert' and 'Remove' buttons.
- Map All Telehealth Visit Types:** A search box with a '%' symbol and a 'Search' button. Below are radio button options for search criteria: 'Starts with any of these keywords' (selected), 'Starts with the first keyword and contains all of the remaining keywords', 'Contains any of these keywords', and 'Contains all of these keywords'. There is also a checkbox for 'Case insensitive'. Below are two result boxes with 'Insert' and 'Remove' buttons. The 'Choice' box contains 'None' and 'H-ACUTE - Tele visit'. 'Select All' and 'Deselect All' links are at the bottom.

Telehealth Policy Updates

- **Public Health Emergency Renewed into January, Extending Telehealth Flexibilities**
- The latest renewal, which occurred on Jan. 7, 2021 (but is effective on Jan. 21) now lasts up until Apr. 21, 2021
- [Telehealth Coverages Policies Resource](#)
- [Factsheet on the Consolidated Appropriations Act](#)
- Federal Legislation
 - **Consolidated Appropriation Act of 2021 ([HR 133](#))**
 - **Permanency for Audio-Only Telehealth Act ([HR 9035](#))**
- State Legislation
 - HB 43



FCC Funding Opportunity: COVID-19 Telehealth Program

- On March 27, 2020 President Trump signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act into law.
- The CARES Act appropriated \$200 million to the FCC to support health care providers' use of telehealth services to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 31, 2020, the FCC established the COVID-19 Telehealth Program to implement the CARES Act.
- On June 25, 2020, the FCC stopped taking new applications. 539 Applications were approved (over 5,000 applications were submitted)
- On December 27, 2020 President Trump signed the 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act that included \$250 million to expand the [FCC's COVID telehealth program](#). This is being referred to by some as Round 2



FCC Funding Opportunity: COVID-19 Telehealth Program

- \$250 Million in new funds to support Telehealth programs during Covid-19
- This program, created in the CARES Act, supports up to 100% of providers' costs to provide telehealth and connected care services to patients at their homes or in mobile locations in response to the pandemic.
- As required under the new law, the FCC published a [Request for Comment](#) on how the new \$250 million should be awarded. They seek input on issues like whether priority should be given to applicants those who applied last spring, and/or those who serve underserved populations. They also ask whether those who received funding in 2020 should be eligible for more funding. The request for comment deadline is January 19th.



Nuts and Bolts of Program

- After the Public Comment period ends, notice needs to be provided to the appropriate congressional committees for metrics that will be used to evaluate the application for funds
- Funding Covers these areas necessary to provide critical connected care:
 - Telecommunications
 - Internet Access Services (Voice, Data and Mobile Data)
 - Devices (normally not funded)
- Application process should be very similar to Round 1
 - Application window timeframe will be provided
 - Applicant needs a FRN Number- FCC Registration Number
 - Application might be tweaked a little but should be similar
 - Questions on FCC Form 460 Requirement-might not be needed in this round
 - [Video Tutorial](#) on last Application Process
 - [Slides](#) from Video Tutorial



HRSA Evidence-Based Telehealth Grant Program

- HRSA has released a new Telehealth Grant Funding Opportunity for FQHC's that serve rural populations with applications due by April 2nd, 2021
- [Evidence Based Telehealth Network Program](#)
- [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)
- **Eligibility:** Eligible applicants shall be domestic public or private, non-profit or for-profit entities with demonstrated experience utilizing telehealth technologies to serve rural underserved populations. Faith-based, community-based organizations, and federally recognized tribes and tribal organizations are eligible to apply. Services must be provided to rural areas, although the applicant can be located in an urban area.
- The two-fold purpose of this award is (1) to demonstrate how health networks can increase access to health care services utilizing telehealth technologies and (2) to conduct evaluations of those efforts to establish an evidence base for assessing the effectiveness of telehealth care for patients, providers, and payers.



Additional Info

- Funding presents the opportunity for network sites that are currently or have previously utilized telehealth as defined above to efficiently and effectively pilot and/or expand Direct to Consumer (DTC) telehealth care.
- A key objective of this program is to demonstrate how providers can use DTC telehealth services in a way that enhances the existing health care infrastructure, as opposed to incentivizing care delivery that circumvents and disadvantages providers in local communities, including rural areas
- Applicants for this EB THNP Program must utilize synchronous (real-time virtual visits) audio-visual technology and may include remote patient monitoring (RPM) to provide (DTC) telehealth care to patients (see Appendix).
- This EB THNP program will expand access to health services in three clinical primary focus areas: (1) Primary Care, (2) Acute Care, and (3) Behavioral Health Care
- In addition, applicants have the option to address one of the following secondary focus areas: Maternal Care, Substance Use Disorder, or Chronic Care Management





Peer Discussion/Q&A

Questions?



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