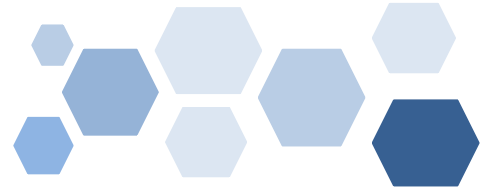




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Telehealth Regulation - New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS)

New OASAS regulations were released on 12/18/2019, and existing providers will need to recertify and resubmit their plan and attestation. Upon acceptance of such attestation, OASAS will provide a written approval in addition to designation on an operating certificate.

Criteria such as confidentiality, privacy, patient rights, translation services, emergency situations, technology transmission failure, buprenorphine prescribing, and prescriber licensing and contracting must be addressed in the written plan and attestation.

For further guidance, please visit:

<https://oasas.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/02/telepractice-standards.pdf>

Billing Guidelines: Once the originating site has received approval from OASAS to provide telepractice, claims can be submitted for government approved APG rates and Medicaid managed care reimbursement if the program meets the below requirements:

- Practitioners must be licensed to practice in NYS and physically located anywhere in the U.S.; they must also be enrolled in NY Medicaid and be able to bill Medicaid. They must also be employed by the OASAS-designated provider or another OASAS-certified provider, OR they must have an executed contract or MOU to perform such services with the designated program;

Programs should consult the most recent DOH Medicaid Update for information on billing, code modifiers, and any allowable additional fees (whether administration or facility).

Authorized Practitioners: Medical professionals with DEA approval to prescribe and administer buprenorphine (DATA 2000 waiver): Physicians, Physician Assistants, and Nurse Practitioners in Psychiatry.

- Clinical staff (CASACs recently added to PHL) credentialed and approved by the Office and acting within their scope of practice.
- *Does not include peer advocates and student interns.*



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Additional Billing Guidelines: All patients must have at least one in-person evaluation session with clinical staff prior to participation in telepractice, and a statement of informed consent must be obtained prior to receiving services. Clients can now be seen in their homes.

Note: Induction for buprenorphine requires a preliminary face-to-face evaluation by a DATA 2000-waived prescribing professional.



Valid services include:

- Admission Assessments;
- Direct Transfers;
- Psycho-social Evaluations and Mental Health Consultations;
- Individual and Group Counseling;
- Medication-Assisted Treatment Prescribing and Monitoring (federal restrictions may apply);
- Other services as approved by the Office.



For more information on telehealth, please visit the AHI Telehealth Technical Assistance Center:
<https://ahihealth.org/telehealth-technical-assistance-center/#about>